

revelation of Christ in glory to him for his own conversion through grace. So he speaks : "When it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen, immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood." So in 2 Corinthians iv., "God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give [out] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." So indeed in 1 Corinthians ii. 12-14, they have received the Spirit to know. Only, when it was to be for divine communication also, they spoke it in words taught of the Holy Ghost. And this is the instruction of the Lord Himself on the subject : "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink ; he that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive." The streams which flowed forth for others were the fruit of what had been drunk for self. This is true of all so ministering ; only, as we have seen, for what is properly called inspiration, the WORDS were given by the *Holy Ghost also*.

The very nature of Christianity is, God manifest in the flesh, entering personally into all our sorrows, temptations, and trials ; manifesting God's perfect goodness in them ; and then, through redemption, raising man to the elevation of which Christ's person and work were worthy in glorifying God ; the divine glory ; likeness to Christ as He is, gone in, in virtue of it, to heaven. And such is the character of inspiration, or work of the Holy Ghost as to the revelation of it ; and indeed necessarily must be. That is, it enters into the whole place and circumstances of man, reveals the