

companies this always with exhortation, leading to submission. He lastly presents the promises, leading up to faith. As examples of this uniform practice of Paul, let me ask the reader to turn to 2 Cor. vi. 11—vii. 1. These Corinthians were imperfect Christians. Paul wishes to lead them up into a higher Christian experience and life. It is easy to see how his words point the way directly along the three great steps indicated. In the epistle to the Ephesians the reverse order is indicated. First (iii. 14-21), are given the promises upon which the higher faith may rest, and then follow the precepts and exhortations which lead to the conviction and submission which make that faith possible.

If we compare with these the first epistle of St. John, we find the same line running through it. The entire line of exhortation is to lead to conviction, working first separation from all sin (ii. 1), and so leading to "walking in the light," that "the blood of Jesus Christ may cleanse from all sin."

Wesley's teaching is in perfect accord with these leading principles of Paul and John. In his fourteenth sermon he describes at great length the "Repentance of Believers," *i.e.*, the convictions of the Spirit of God which lead up to a higher experience. He also presents a general view of the higher faith. In the forty-third sermon, "The Scripture way of Salvation," we have Mr. Wesley's most explicit teaching on this subject. After presenting repentance and faith as the way of salvation in general, in the third part of the discourse, in the third and following sub-sections, he enlarges upon the way of sanctification by faith, pointing out the nature, place, and necessity of the previous repentance, and discipline of good works; and then, in words which have brought light and blessing to thousands of souls, in sub-sections fourteen to seventeen, he describes the "faith whereby we are sanctified, saved from sin, and perfected in love."

To the same effect is the teaching of John Fletcher in his last "Check to Antinomianism," section xix. See especially, under paragraph 7, the exhortation to "let your repentance cast deeper roots;" and paragraph 8, to "practise a judicious, universal self-denial;" and under paragraph 9, to seek "the faith which *immediately* works by love." That he places at