

exhort you to go and do likewise: imagine the consternation of the assembly.

Ah, but says one, Christ always did the will of the Father, and He must have known the will of the Father, through the Holy Ghost, who was given without measure to Him, to be that He should only attend to the wants of this one, and leave the rest alone. Granted. But is He then not an example to us also in this thing? And may we not also know the will of the Father, through the Holy Ghost given without measure unto us, and do it, even as Jesus did, whether that will concerns our work as having to do with the many or the few?

In short, it will be seen, by close study of the life of Jesus Christ, that His example gives no aid or comfort as an example to the enthusiastic teachers of modern styles of Christian and philanthropic labors, but it does give every encouragement to walk in the Spirit, in Christian work, for it was after this pattern He walked, that He might be an ensample to all His followers.

TWO NATURES.

"The old things are passed away, behold they are become new." Many read this passage, "All old things but the old nature are passed away, behold all things but the old nature are become new." Jesus died that He might destroy the works of the devil; and yet there is one work of the devil that He cannot destroy, that is, our old nature. Man, recognizing God as the conqueror of sin, and choosing God as his portion, is tempted. With the temptation a way of escape is provided. He must choose this day and every day, this moment and every moment, whom he will serve. He chooses to serve the tempter. Sin he must, sin he will, and sin he does; and for the defence he either formulates a creed, or falls back upon one already formulated—all the creed-makers falling back upon Paul in this old-nature battle. Mortify, therefore, your members—this cannot be done all at once, they say. The mortifying process must be lengthened out, to be in harmony with Paul. Let not sin reign, but let it dwell,

Paul is made to teach, and so on. It matters not that Paul said our old man was crucified, that the body of sin might be destroyed or done away. (R. V.) Put away the old man, which waxeth corrupt, and put on the new man, which, after God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth; or, ye have put off the old man, with his doings, and have put on the new man. It matters not what contradiction of sinners poor Paul is made to suffer, as long as the creed is bolstered up, and the "Oh, wretched man that I am" state is made interminable. I with the mind serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin, Paul is made to teach as ultimate truth for all generations. Of course, Jesus did say no man can serve two masters; but where there is an apparent contradiction, it is nothing to make the servant greater than his Lord, as long as the creed that our forefathers held is kept intact. The Lord Jesus simplified this matter when He taught that "Ye cannot serve God and mammon; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other." But then a Gospel that he that runneth may read; and that wayfaring men, though fools, need not err therein, is not one that suits the human taste. They prefer a complex gospel, one that will give full scope to the metaphysical powers of man to wrestle with. And so will creed-making go on till men exhaust themselves and their old nature, and fall back upon God.

Here are a few extracts from some of the creeds, endorsing this two-nature teaching.

The Westminster Confession of Faith, the standard of the Presbyterian Church, says: "By the law true believers discover the sinful pollutions of their nature, hearts and lives; the law is also of use to the regenerate to restrain these corruptions. This (Adam's) corruption of nature during this life doth remain in those that are regenerated; and although it be through Christ pardoned and mortified, yet both itself and all the motions thereof are truly and properly sin. By the believer's remaining corruption he wills that which is evil. In those who are effectually called and regenerated,