

INDIRECT EVIDENCE OF BEING FULLY SAVED.

(MARK, LEARN, AND INWARDLY DIGEST.)

Mark the word *fully*. It means keeping the *whole* law. It means walking before God *blameless* in love. It means being perfect in every good work to do His will—perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect. It means fully saved in this Bible sense. Call it Christian perfection, entire sanctification, perfect love, full redemption, full salvation, or what you will, it matters but little—it is being *fully* saved after the Bible pattern.

What is the indirect evidence of this state? As Wesley teaches, it is the knowledge that our lives correspond with Bible rules; and this is evidently Scriptural.

When, then, can a man truthfully say he is fully saved? We refer not now to the profession of his faith in God as a perfect Saviour, which may at any time be made, as he apprehends his privilege in Christ Jesus. This is a momentary act, and, when perfect in successive moments, constitutes a life of faith, which is full salvation. But many fancy they live this life of faith when they do not. With many there are ever-recurring intervals between their acts of faith. Beginning in the spirit, they ever and anon try to be made perfect in the flesh—that is, by the works of the law.

Here is a professor of full salvation at the close of the day examining his life as lived during the previous twenty-four hours, according to the Bible injunction: "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith."

Like a man of sense, he does not hold his present acceptance with Christ as a sinner saved by grace in suspense to discover whether or no his life will warrant him in having confidence towards God. The ground of his confidence is that he just now accepts the atonement of Christ for all past and present sins, known and unknown, with present purpose to bring forth fruits meet for repentance, undoing, repairing, confessing to man or God just as the Holy Spirit may direct; and therefore, by faith, he realizes that he is just now a child of God and an heir of heaven.

But the question is, has he been fully saved throughout the entire day? Has he lived the life of the entirely sanctified?

In the first place, he must have kept all the commandments