

Scripture are quite convincing. Some who hold that entire sanctification is an essential condition of admission to heaven, maintain that this work is wrought in the soul at death. There seems to be no good ground for this belief. It is open to the objection, that if at death God unconditionally works in the soul a change essential to salvation, why might we not expect Him to work a similar change, during life, without the sinner's repentance or faith? Besides, this assumption of sanctification at death has no foundation in the Scriptures.

XXII.

PERSEVERANCE IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

There is abundant testimony in the Holy Scriptures to the sufficiency of divine grace to uphold and keep all true believers unto eternal life. It is not the will of our heavenly Father that any of His children should perish. Through Christ every believer can receive grace to help in time of need. But although believers are "joint heirs with Christ," they are still in a state of probation, in which they are to "work out their own salvation with fear and trembling."

The doctrine that the eternal salvation of all true believers is so certain that they cannot fall away and be lost, is contrary to the plain teaching of the Bible. It is rendered necessary by the acceptance of the