

June 16, 1747. As several persons were present who did not believe the doctrine of Christian perfection, we agreed to examine it from the foundation.

In order to this, it was asked,

Q. "How much is allowed by our brethren who differ from us, with regard to entire sanctification?"

A. They grant, 1. That every one must be entirely sanctified in the article of death: 2. That till then, a believer may daily grow in grace, come nearer and nearer to perfection: 3. That we ought to be continually pressing after it, and to exhort all others so to do.

Q. What is the point wherein we divide?

A. It is this: should we expect to be saved from *all sin* before the article of death?

Q. Is there any clear Scripture *promise* of this, that God will save us from *all sin*?

A. There is, Psalm cxxx. 8, "He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities."

This is more largely expressed in the prophecy of Ezekiel: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from *all* your filthiness, and from *all* your idols will I cleanse you; I will also save you from *all your uncleanness*," chap. xxxvi. ver. 25, 29. No promise can be more clear. And to this the apostle plainly refers in that exhortation, "Having these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness