

is regenerated the work of cleansing begins. At the same time the germs of the Christian graces are implanted in the heart, and their development commences. This growth is gradual, as all growth is, and where the proper means are used continuous. It seems to be a principle in nature that the higher the quality of life the longer the time required for its development. In many of the lower forms of animal life but a short time is required. Some insects are ephemeral. In a single day they come into being, attain perfection, and pass out of existence. In many of the higher forms of animal life years are required for the full development of the powers. A spiritual life is the highest quality of life known to man on earth, and for the full development of the spiritual powers the longest time is required. This appears but reasonable, when we remember that the faculties or powers in the exercise of which we enjoy fellowship with God here, are the same faculties or powers in the exercise of which we shall enjoy His presence hereafter. The measure of their development, through exercise in his service here, will determine our capacity for the enjoyment of fellowship with him hereafter.

We are not to suppose that the graces of the Spirit will grow as the certain and inevitable result of regeneration, or even of cleansing. These make their growth possible. They will develop just in proportion as they are exercised. This accounts for the fact that some Christians excel in one grace and some in another. It also explains the apparent or real lack