

them, that in the present life they should fully exemplify His grace—that He waits to do this thing for them now—and finally: they believe with all their heart that He *now does it*. Exercising faith in this way, the work of entire sanctification will certainly be accomplished. He is faithful that promised. Heb. x. 23. God will then come into His purified temple with all the fulness of His love. Of course, it is to be understood, that these steps—whether they occupy a long, or only a short time—or whether they be apprehended by the mind, in this order or not—are taken in the true spirit of prayer. Enlightened, earnest, importunate, mighty, believing, triumphant prayer is absolutely necessary.

“Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to that alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries, it shall be done.”

Ques. XVIII.—By what evidence does a christian know that he is Entirely Sanctified?

Ans.—By the *testimony* of the Holy Spirit to the fact;—in the same way as that by which he was assured of the pardon of his sins. The Spirit of adoption came then into his heart, telling him that he was born of God. So now, the same Spirit witnesses to this further work of grace. All light upon our spiritual condition, as changed, and renewed, and purified creatures; must—in the first instance—come from the Holy Ghost. He is the great enlightener of men. This Divine witness is a most precious truth of the Bible:—

That “bright candle of the Lord.”

From it we see, that this comforting and establishing testimony is a part of the glorious inheritance of the saints. - How important, in our life of faith, this assurance is ! Without it we should walk in darkness and uncertainty. But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you : but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you,