

REMARKS ON THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST IN THE CHRISTIAN.

I desire to make a few remarks of a practical tendency and of deep interest, on the effects of the presence of the Holy Ghost in the Christian.

The Spirit of God, as dwelling in us, may be considered in two aspects : for He unites us to the Lord Jesus, so that His presence is intimately connected with *life*, that life which is in Jesus. (John xiv. 19, 20 ; Gal. ii. 20.) "He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit ;" and further, His presence is that of God in the soul. The scripture, speaking of Him in the first of these characters (which is sometimes linked to the second), says (Rom. viii. 2, 9, 10), that the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus frees us from the law of sin ; so that the Spirit is *life* because of righteousness. It is, however, also said (ver. 9), "if so be that the *Spirit of God* dwell in you ;" and then His indwelling and action are blended, since (inasmuch as both are manifested by the formation of the character of Christ in the soul) "the Spirit of God" becomes "the Spirit of Christ." The "Christ in you" of verse 10, expresses the idea more clearly, especially as the apostle adds, "if Christ be in you, the Spirit is *life*." But in verse 16 the Holy Ghost is carefully distinguished from the Christian, for "He beareth witness *with* our spirit." In verses 26 and 27 the two characters of the presence of the Spirit are there remarkably