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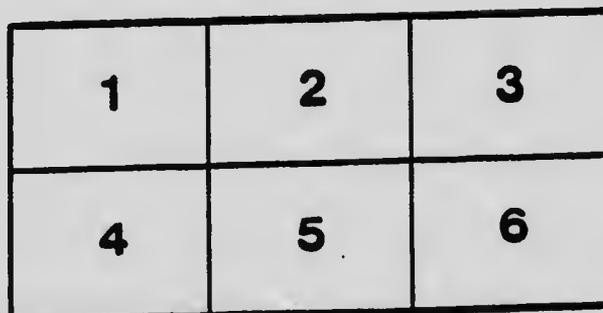
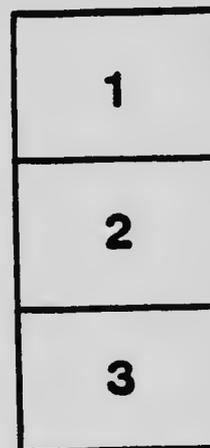
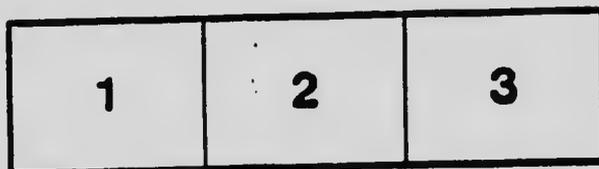
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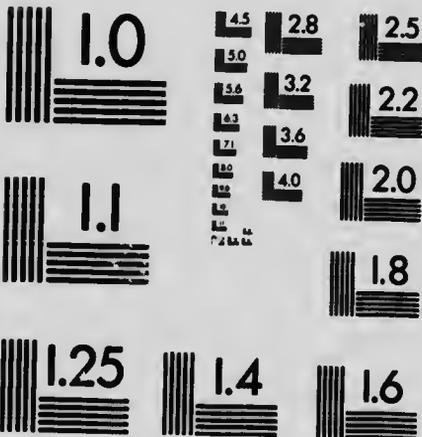
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The reader is particularly requested to begin here.

NOTICE.

THE first subject in this book is "The Artillery of the Gospel turned upon the False Teachers and the Demons of Sectarianism." I know that many will be offended, but if they are seeking after truth in the spirit of true love, they will not be offended, as it is written: "Great peace have they that love Thy law, and nothing shall offend." To prove that I have no enmity against the members of any sect, but only against the Demons of Sectarianism, I will be pleased to hold a week's Mission in connection with any sect, from a company of Infidels up to the highest holiness preachers of the present day; but certainly not to hold up or run down any sect, but to preach and sing the Gospel only.

All that are interested in the passages of Scripture which are baffling all the preachers in Christendom, must read this book from beginning to end, as the Scriptures are brought in in connection with the subjects. They are as follows:—

I. John, iii. 9—"He that is born of God cannot sin."

Hebrews, vi. 4-6—"If they shall fall away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance."

I. Corinthians, xv. 29—"Baptised for the dead."

Matthew, xvi. 28—"There be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom."

The Mystery of the Gospel in a Nutshell.

I.—The Artillery of the Gospel turned upon the False Preachers and the Demons of Sectarianism.

IN feeling Christendom's pulse at Keswick, where thousands of preachers meet every year, I found many false preachers who are opposed to the Glorious Gospel—that proves up to the hilt that the Blood of Jesus Christ, God the Son, cleanseth us from all sin, and His baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, that clears out the demons that keep us fettered to sin. He leaves us standing sanctified—spirit, soul, and body—sinless, perfect, with a pure heart : just in that state Adam was in before the Fall. Beloved, the above must be our experience on this side of the grave, for it is written, " There shall in no wise enter in anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a *Lie*, but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, for He came to destroy the works of the Devil, that He may have a

glorious Church to present, without spot or wrinkle, before His Father's throne with great joy."

But, alas! many of the Keswick teachers, and many thousands of Christians, kick against the above Gospel. Why? Because it is not in keeping with their sin-fettered life. They say we cannot be sinless here: not until we get to Heaven can we be free from sin; and to back up their blasphemous lie they hang round their neck the Devil's favourite scripture, and begin to sing it. It is as follows (I. John, i. 8.): "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Beloved, such a testimony coming from the lips of preachers of the Gospel, and thousands of professing Christians, proves up to the hilt that they have never been under the blood that cleanseth us from *all* sin, and they have never been baptised with the Holy Ghost, and with fire that clears out the Demons that keep us fettered to sin. Beloved, our dark past is not only wiped out for ever in the Blood of the Lamb, but we are Sanctified and Sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption here on this side of the grave. The above is impossible without the spirit of true faith and true repentance on our part. All that have fulfilled the above shall be sown a natural body and raised a spiritual body, born again on the Resurrection morn. All that have not repented, and are still fettered to sin, are not sealed with the Holy Ghost, but are sealed with the spirit of the Devil, they shall be sown a natural body into that place where there is no rest day and night, in torment, and raised up on

the Resurrection morn to stand before the great White Throne, and if their names are not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life, which is sealed with the Holy Ghost, they shall be cast into the great lake of everlasting fire, where their worm dieth not (Mark, ix. 44), and the fire is never quenched. But the righteous, blood cleansed, sanctified, sealed by the Holy Ghost, shall rest in blessed peace in the grave, which is the earthly paradise, until the Resurrection morn. It is not the place that makes the paradise; it is the state. It is not the grave that makes it Hell for the sin-fettered, sealed by the Devil; it is the state. When the righteous ascend up into the heavenly paradise, it will not only be the state, but the place that will make it paradise. The ungodly who are in a state of unrest and torment in the earth, the grave, when they are cast into the lake of everlasting fire, to suffer everlasting death, it will not only be the torment that will make it *Hell*, but the place. "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness."

When feeling Christendom's pulse at Keswick in connection with the Gospel that proves up to the hilt the removal of sin out of every sanctified body on this side of the grave, the following are four key-notes in connection with the above in favour of the removal of sin and to those opposed to it. I went to the ministers' meeting, and there in one of the large tents was assembled nearly 1000. The impression

that I had when I entered the tent was that the tent was a great ice-house, and the 1000 ministers a 1000 blocks of ice. A friend and myself, to keep ourselves from freezing, started to sing that beautiful hymn—"No, never alone, He promised never to leave me, no never alone." We had to finish it ourselves, as not one out of 100 of the frozen, sin-fettered, demon-fettered ministers could join in with us. When the hymn was finished, the speaker, rising to his feet, opened his mouth, and said: "This place is filled with Devils." When he said so we could see a kind of grin creeping over the thousand faces, and it gradually developed into a smile. They had just realized that some one had called them by their right name. The Scripture he gave out for his text was: "Why could we not cast him out?" He handled the subject well, and finished up by saying: "Do you know why we could not cast him out? Because he is in ourselves." Then another grin and a smile, and the meeting closed. They went on their way, not singing "He promised never to leave me alone." Why? Because the Devil hates singing, and especially when it is in reference to himself.

The next key-note was touched by F. B. Meyer in reference to the sin-fettered life. He said that he did not believe that it was possible to get free from old sinful carnal self on this side of the grave, not until we get to Heaven. Beloved, such teaching, and all such teachers like F. B. Meyer, are of the Devil. It is in direct opposition to the Gospel; it is not in keeping with I. John, iii. 8—1. "The Son of God was

manifested that He might destroy the work of the Devil," and Romans, xii. 1-2—"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." 2. "And be not conformed to this world; but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God," and Romans, vi. 6—"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." For he that is dead is freed from sin, and old wonderful carnal life is no more in the service of the Devil, but alive unto God. F. B. Meyer, Webb-Peploe, and others, their teaching is that we must be fettered to sin in old carnal self as long as we are here; and after the old man has had his fling, he will go to Heaven, and there he is cleansed from all filth and sin. May God save Christendom from such a blasphemous LIE! If their teaching is true, I hope I will be in Hell walking arm-in-arm with the Devil while the above false teachers are being cleansed in Heaven. I would rather be in Hell talking over old battles with the Devil than be in Heaven with the above sin-fettered false teachers.

The next two key-notes are in keeping with the Gospel. The first is in reference to God's great keeping power from sin: the righteous man in the flesh, not the man that has fulfilled Romans xii. 1-2, but the man still in the flesh, who may respond to sin at any moment. The key-note was touched by

Campbell Morgan. He said that the Devil could not touch one hair in any of Job's camels without God's leave, proving God's great keeping power over all the perfect righteous sinless men in the flesh.

The next key-note was touched by Mrs Penn-Lewis in reference to the born-again man, the new creation in Christ Jesus, filled with the Holy Ghost: not the righteous sinless man in the flesh, but the born-again man in the spirit. She said, "If there is one ounce of self still alive, the Holy Ghost cannot use us." Beloved, the reason that Keswick is paralyzed, and little blessing to be had, is that the most of the leaders, and thousands that attend Keswick, are opposed to the removal of sin out of the heart. They are kicking against the Lord's work, which is to destroy the work of the Devil in our heart, and to save His people from their sins, that we may be found sinless, perfect, ready for His coming.

BEWARE OF THE NEW THEOLOGY INFIDELS.

Their infidelity is a denial of both the Virgin Birth and the Deity of Christ, the overthrow of the doctrines of the Fall of Man, the Atonement of Christ, and like all other blasphemous Liars against God's truth, a denial of Hell. What else can we expect? Our colleges are saturated with professors who are Infidels, and the young students are sucking it in like their mothers' milk. They are tearing the Word of God to pieces, and their highest thoughts are only about themselves and a cigarette. Our

pulpits are being filled up with them every day. The New Theology Infidels claim to be little Christs themselves that can work out their own salvation, without fear and trembling. Their heads are so much swollen with their New Theology that they are trying to make us believe that they have the salvation of the world up their sleeve. They are a new sect of Infidels that have a form of godliness about them, but deny the power thereof. The above sect have a little god, for all sects must have a little god to look up to in the pulpit and out of the pulpit, and if any of the worshippers do anything that is not pleasing to their little god, he will get angry with them. I have seen it over and over again. The little god of the above sect is R. J. Campbell. He was very angry the other day in his Temple. Many of his worshippers that were in the habit of clapping their hands when he said anything in favour of Infidelity, and especially when he started to tear the Word of God to pieces, made him very angry at not getting the hand-clap and the "Hear, hear," when he was tearing Christ and His Gospel to pieces. He said: "All my backers have disappeared like rabbits into their holes." I was not surprised at it, when the earthly little Christ breathed one word against the Heavenly Christ, the Saviour of the world. Beloved, here I will make a suggestion in connection with the above sect. Just to prove them, I would suggest that the opponents of the above sect take hold of their little Christ, R. J. Campbell, and lead him to Calvary and crucify him, so that he may rise on the third day and

ascend up into Heaven. And after that great work is done, again I would suggest that he follows the footsteps of his papa, the Devil, by sitting on the throne usurping God's place, with God, his Creator, on his right hand, and Christ, his Redeemer, on his left; then with a loud voice crying: "I am the Almighty." And if God will not snuff him out like a little taper, and cast his little spirit down to Hell, I would suggest that he returns to the earth, and sits in judgment on all that would not swallow his New Theology. If he is able to perform the above, then, and not till then, will we begin to think that there is something in his New Theology. May the Lord have mercy on the above poor servants of the Devil, and may He not consume them with the brightness of His coming!

BEWARE OF THE SALVATION ARMY SO-CALLED.

Another sect with a little god at their head called General Booth. They began well, but now they have become a great multitude of money-grabbers. With one hand they give us an envelope that we may put something into it for self-denial, which is sent up to headquarters to swell the pockets and corporations of a few big fat ones that are in the know, and their salary is five hundred pounds a year, while their poor captains have only seven shillings a week, but only on condition that they can beg it of anybody or everybody, and all that they have over after clearing all expenses must be sent up to headquarters to swell

the pockets and corporations of the few that are in the know. With one hand they give us the envelope for self-denial, and with the other hand they sell to our next-door neighbour the same goods that we are selling in our shops. So, you see, with one hand they pick our pockets, and with the other they take the bite out of our mouth. They will sell you anything from a needle to a slave ; and the souls of men (Revelations, xviii. 13), they are shipping them over to Canada, to go into bondage under a few that are in the know, and have taken a fancy to farming. Why this state of things under a cloak of religion ? Because they are dead spiritually, but all alive financially. They have printed a Bible for their own use, and they have wiped out many important passages, and they are sceptical on the Atonement. At the first Resurrection, when all the would-be preachers are shut out, I fancy I hear them crying " Lord, Lord, in Thy Name we have done many good works," and the answer will be, " I know ye not." Then in the great multitude of religious frauds, I fancy I hear a big voice crying " Lord, Lord, what is the meaning of this ? Do Ye not know who I am ? I am General Booth, of the Salvation Army." Then we shall hear the Lord's answer coming, and it will be : " General Booth and Collection Army was your god, I know you not." Then I fancy I hear the sweet voice of a Salvation Army girl crying " Lord, Lord, what have I done ?" and again we can hear the Lord crying back with a loud voice, saying, " What are you doing in the midst of that great multitude of religious frauds ?

Come up hither, and sit with Me at the marriage supper of the Lamb." May the Lord have mercy on the above religious frauds, and money-grabbers, and may He open their eyes to see the truth. "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the world and lose his own soul?"

THE SO-CALLED BRETHREN—ANOTHER SECT.

The Demons of Separation and of Sectarianism have taken such a hold on them that they are split up into many sects, and they have all got a little god of their own. The most of them worship a wooden god, in the form of a table. If anyone should enter their place of worship, unless they belong to their sect, they will not be allowed to go near their little god, they must take a back seat or go out. When I question them about their sinful life, and say, "What about the pure heart that makes us worthy of the name of Christian?": at this point the Demon of Separation takes hold of them, and they begin to split themselves up into parts. They say when God looks at them He cannot see them as sinful, carnal creatures. He only sees them in Christ. They are not held responsible for the old sinful man in the flesh; it is only their good self in Jesus Christ that God has got to do with. May God open their eyes to see. "As the tree falls, so shall it lie."

THE WATER BAPTIST—ANOTHER SECT.

They look upon us with suspicion because we have

not been dipped in their tank. They say we have not obeyed the Command, and he that breaks one of the least of these Commands is guilty of all, and we must go through their tank, or go to Hell. May the Lord open the eyes of the above Water Baptists, and make them to realise that there is only one Baptism (Eph., iv. 5, and I. Cor., xv. 13), which is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire. You will find the above subject in this book, under the heading of "The True Baptism."

THE GO PREACHERS—ANOTHER SECT.

They call themselves the "No Sect." Year in and year out their business is to tear ministers to pieces, because the ministers have got a salary and the Go Preachers have got none. They say that they have left all and followed the Lord. I discovered that they had not left all; that they had not left their bitter enmity against every other sect but their own, and in reference to the salary, I gave them money and discovered that they could take as much as I could give them; but they were offended at me for being against running down the ministers year in and year out. I told them that they should try and preach the Gospel half their time. May the Lord open their eyes to see that they should preach the Gospel *all* the time.

There are over four hundred sects. I hate the Demon of Sectarianism, but I love the people. I will only mention another sect. O, the Demon of Sectarianism wipes out the lovely spirit of unity and

love. It is all of the Devil and it is impossible to get rid of it until Revelation, xx. 1-3, is fulfilled—“And I saw an angel come down from Heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand,” (2) “and he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,” (3) “and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled, and after that he must be loosed a little season.” Beloved, we can have more unity and love in Christendom if we care to go in for it, but we will never have it in its fullness until our Blessed Lord comes, and the above fulfilled.

THE PENTECOSTAL LEAGUE

are the next sect that come under our notice. They also have a little god, called Reader Harris. The above sect are the only class of preachers worth listening to. They preach a full salvation, not only our dark past wiped out in the Blood of the Lamb, but they preach the removal of the Demons of Sin out of our heart for ever, never more to return as long as we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. The above is our Blessed Lord's work. He came to destroy the works of the Devil in our hearts by His glorious baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire, which clears out the Demons of Sin, and sanctifies and seals us unto the day of redemption.

But, as it is written, I have a few things against

the Pentecostal League. First, they are a sect, which is a great barrier against them. Secondly, they thrust down Christendom's throat passages of Scripture which are only in connection with the new creation in Christ Jesus, and that is why Christendom kicks against them so much. The Gospel for Christendom is: "Repent and believe the Gospel that your sins may be wiped out for ever in the Blood of the Lamb, and ye shall receive the glorious baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire, which clears out the Demons of Sin, and gives us a pure heart, sinless, perfect, sanctified, sealed unto the day of redemption." I. Corinthians, xv. 44: "Sown a natural body, and raised a spiritual body." (Born Again on Resurrection morn.) The above Gospel lifts up sin-fettered Christendom to that state Adam was in before the Fall, and that is where God wants Christendom to be, before it can be sown a natural body, and raised a spiritual body, born again on the Resurrection morn to His praise and glory. But the Pentecostal League and other Holiness Preachers thrust down Christendom's throat passages of Scripture which are only in connection with the man that is determined to be born again on this side of the grave—to be filled with the Holy Ghost, to take part in the first Resurrection, to sit with Christ on His throne, and to reign with Him a thousand years.

To be cleansed from all sin, sanctified, sinless, perfect, sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption, is one thing, but to fulfil the following

Scripture that the Pentecostal League is thrusting down Christendom's throat, and means that we must come to an end of natural self, and alive unto God, born again a new creation in Christ Jesus, must not marry, and if married, live as if we were not married—the price is too high for Christendom to pay, and God does not ask Christendom to pay such a price. He will be delighted if Christendom will live a perfect, sinless, natural life until it is sown a natural body, and raised a spiritual body. The Scripture that the Pentecostal League and other Holiness Preachers are thrusting down Christendom's throat is Romans xii. 1-2, and Romans vi. 6. Romans xii. 1-2—First, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Second, "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Beloved, the man that fulfils Romans xii. 1-2, his life must correspond with Romans vi. 6, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." 7, "For he that is dead is freed from sin." It is only the natural body in the flesh that can serve sin, not the born-again man who has become a new creation in Christ Jesus, no longer in the flesh fulfilling the lawful desires of the flesh according to a married life, but in the spirit, filled

with the Holy Ghost, bringing forth holy fruit, not natural fleshy fruit, but sanctified fruit, to God's praise and glory. Again, his life must correspond with Matthew xix. 12, "He has made himself an eunuch for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake." The above eunuch has got nothing to do with them that are eunuchs, or them that have made themselves eunuchs for their own sake, or for some other body's sake. The above is only in connection with the born-again man, who has come to an end of his natural self by presenting his body a living sacrifice (not a dead sacrifice at the grave when he cannot help it). Again, his life must be in keeping with I. John iii. 9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him, and he Cannot Sin, because he is born of God." His seed remaineth in him, he has made himself an eunuch for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake, no longer walking after the flesh to fulfil the beautiful laws of nature, but to walk ever in the spirit, born again a new creation in Christ Jesus. God says that such a man in Christ Jesus Cannot Sin, but the Pentecostal League preachers and thousands in Christendom tell God straight to His face that it is a Lie, that the born-again man can sin. The following are the Pentecostal League stock arguments to prove their blasphemous Lie against God's truth. Beloved, the natural man in the flesh fulfilling the desires of the flesh, cleansed from all sin in the Blood of the Lamb, sanctified, sinless, perfect as Adam was before the

Fall—such a man may fall at any moment. But the man that is born again a new creation in Christ Jesus, filled with the Holy Ghost, walking no longer after the flesh, but after the spirit, it is impossible for him to be tempted, which proves up to the hilt that he cannot sin, because he is born of God, and God cannot be tempted with sin; there is nothing in the man that is born of God to respond to the sinful desires of the wicked one. Now for the stock arguments of the Pentecostal League and thousands in Christendom against God's truth and plan of Creation: When God says "the man that is born again cannot sin," they say, "look at Adam, he sinned." At this point the Pentecostal League and others are airing their ignorance of God's plan of Creation, as it is written: "Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural, and afterwards that which is spiritual." When God says a born-again man cannot sin, He is not referring to the natural man like Adam in the flesh, who may fall at any moment. Why? Because he is in the flesh, and the Devil has got something to work upon. But the Holy Ghost born-again man who is not in the flesh, but in the spirit, he has nothing to work upon. Another argument they have: "Jesus was tempted." Here again they air their ignorance, not knowing that Christ came in the flesh to be tempted in every point as we are who are still in the flesh. Now, apart from the born-again man, we have a natural Man in the flesh, Jesus Christ, who condemned sin in the flesh, and

proved up to the hilt that He was more than conquerer over sin. When they speak of Christ being tempted, they are speaking of Christ in the flesh ; but when we speak of a risen Christ, or a born-again man risen with Christ in newness of life, the Devil has got nothing to work upon—he stands afar off, trembling, as it is written that the wicked one toucheth him not. The greatest temptation that the Devil can hold out to a born-again man is the world. He may say, “Do you see this world, it is mine, but I will give it to you if you will tell God to His face that the man that is born again CAN Sin.” Such a temptation has no effect on the born-again man. Well he knows that the Devil and this world with all its false teachers, if they will not repent shall be hurled into the great lake of everlasting fire. It is impossible to tempt the born-again man whose life is hid with Christ in God. Another argument they put forth : they say that the angels sinned. Here again they air their ignorance in connection with Creation. What have sinning angels got to do with the born-again sons of God in Christ Jesus, who will sit with Him on His Throne and judge these angels who have sinned ? They might as well say the Devil sinned. He was one of the brightest angels God ever created, but cannot be classed with the Sons of God in Christ Jesus. The following is another argument they put forth in connection with the body of sin in Romans vi. 6 : they claim to be born again, but they are determined to fulfil the lawful desires of the flesh in every form ;

which proves up to the hilt that they are not born again. They say that the body of sin that has to be destroyed is our mind, our spiritual part, or the Demons of Sin that take possession of our body. Beloved, be not deceived: our mind, our spiritual part, the Demon of Sin is not a body, and cannot be destroyed. What Romans vi. 6 means is our mortal body. Spirit, soul, and body may be sanctified and sown a natural body, and raised a spiritual body at the last day; but Romans vi. 6 means that our mortal body has been crucified with Christ, the consuming fire of God has consumed all that was keeping us fettered to the natural fleshy side of things, and now being dead to the flesh, we are quickened and have become spiritual bodies filled with the Holy Ghost. That is why Paul says: "Reckon yourselves dead unto sin, [the body of sin, the flesh] but alive unto God." Now Paul here is not asking us to reckon a lie, but a glorious reality. The change has taken place whether we believe it or not. "If all has been laid upon the altar" (Romans xii. 1-2). If the order of the new Creation, born-again life, was that we must die and be buried and lie in the grave for three days, then on the third day the Holy Ghost enters into us, then we rise from the grave, we would not have to reckon ourselves dead indeed unto sin, flesh, and self, and alive unto God. Beloved, just as sure as our Blessed Lord's natural body was nailed to the cross and died, and was quickened, and rose again, and ascended up to Heaven, so the very same change

has taken place with our body. If all has been laid upon the altar, it has been quickened, and now we have risen with Christ in newness of life. Again, I say the Pentecostal League preachers, apart from being a sect and kicking against God's truth by saying that the born-again man can sin, and still determined to have their fling in the flesh by fulfilling all the lawful desires of the flesh, and at the same time claiming to be born again; again I say they are the only preachers worth hearing. They preach that sin has to have no place in our bodies. Praise God for His great salvation! It wipes out our dark past in the Blood of the Lamb; it destroys the work of the Devil in us; it makes us more than conquerors over sin; and sanctifies us body, soul, and spirit, and seals us unto the day of redemption; and all we have got to do is to believe the Gospel and REPENT, with our back turned to sin for ever. May the Lord bless the above preachers, not as a sect, but as sinners saved by grace, and as preachers of the removal of sin out of every heart, which is the glorious work of our Blessed Lord — destroy the works of the Devil!

*All that read this book right through will get
a blessing.*

II.—The Original Sin and its First Fruits.

IN the beginning God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Ghost moved upon the face of the waters, and by His word the heavens and the earth were made. He said, "Let the earth appear," and the dry land appeared. He created all things, and said to all His creation, "Be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth." He created man in His own image, male and female created He them, and said unto them "Be fruitful." Now let us get to the root of things. How was the first sin committed, which is unbelief, and its first fruit was lust, next murder, next drunkenness? Such is the order from the beginning of the creation of man on this earth. If you read the Word of God from the beginning, you will find the above sins and their first fruits coming in as they are above, and from these hundreds more. What is sin? Sin is breaking one of nature's laws or a commandment that God has written upon our heart. How is sin created? Sin is created by a power taking possession of one of God's creatures in the flesh, and that power exercising its will upon the will of the creature, which makes the creature the servant of the Devil in Sin. The following is a true description of the above:—God said to Adam and

Eve, "Be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth," and Adam knew his wife, and she conceived. That was God's beautiful law fulfilled. Now, before I explain to you how that beautiful law was broken, I will tell you how it is fulfilled by every creature which God has created up to the present day. Every creature God has created know each other at the appointed time, that they may be fruitful and replenish the earth; but at no other time will they know each other but at the appointed time. If they knew each other at any time but the appointed time the beautiful law in nature would be broken. Beloved, if our entering into Heaven depends upon God's creatures keeping that beautiful law, why the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field would be ushered into the glory, and man would be left in his sinful state, grovelling in the lust of the flesh, which is the first fruit after unbelief. Now let us get to the place where the beautiful law was broken. First, Adam knew Eve, his wife, and she conceived. That was the beautiful law fulfilled until the appointed time came round again, which means almost one year, and every creature that God has created waits patiently until the time comes round; but man has staggered into the lust of the flesh, and has fallen lower than the beasts of the field. Now, before God left Adam, who had full dominion over all the earth, He saw a wicked person called Satan the Devil, which He had cast out of Heaven for his pride. God knew that he would work mischief, and take

possession of the world, and have full dominion, and His only plan was to get Adam and his wife to stagger into the lust of the flesh that he might receive the sting of death and lose all his power. Now, God steps in between Adam and Eve, and warning them what would happen if they touch each other, He told them that they could eat of every tree in the garden but of the tree of knowledge and of good and evil—which was Adam and Eve themselves. Just as Christ is called the true vine, Adam and Eve is the tree of knowledge and of good and evil. So God said, "If ye touch ye shall die," and He left them with that law written upon their hearts. Then the Devil takes his first chance, by entering into a serpent and winding his way to where Eve was, and in his artful captivating way he fawns himself upon Eve. She had no fear for any creature which God had created, so in his loving way he winds himself about Eve, nestles his head in her bosom, and he stirred up in her soul a carnal desire for her husband, and they began to reason together, saying, "But God hath said if we touch we shall die." But the passion, the desire, overpowered them, and they said, "We will not die." By that time Satan the serpent had left them to explain away God's truth, and they fell. The awful sin was committed, and the Devil goes on his way saying to himself, "Now this world is mine, and I have full dominion." And Adam and Eve ran and hid themselves amongst the trees, and sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons to cover their nakedness. Then God comes on the scene

again, and called Adam, and said, "Where art thou," and Adam said, "I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked." And God said, "Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat?" Beloved, don't think for one moment that the tree was an apple tree, as some preachers would try to make us believe. Whoever heard of a tree having a knowledge of good and evil. The tree of knowledge of good and evil was Adam and Eve. And Adam said, "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." And the Lord said unto the woman, "What is this that thou hast done?" And the woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." Unto the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children, and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." Beloved, it is the Original Sin, unbelief, and its first fruit, Lust, that is keeping many a Christian out of the joy, peace, power, and love in the Lord's service. I trust that the revelation of the above truth will wipe away the dark cloud from many hearts, that they may enter into the fuller, brighter, and purer life in the Lord's service. The man that fulfils the beautiful law is a righteous man in the flesh, just where Adam was before the Fall. The man that turns his back to the flesh, and has made himself an eunuch for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake in Christ Jesus, he is a born-again man (Matthew xix. 12).

III.—Everlasting Punishment

(MATTHEW XXV. 46).

The Future Residence of the False Teachers,
Unbelievers, and Sin-fettered Christians.

MATTHEW xviii. 9—"If thine eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye rather than having two eyes, to be cast into Hell fire." Beloved, the meaning of the above Scripture is: if we are fettered to one little sin, sealed in the service of the Devil unto death, hell, and torment, and not sealed with the Holy Ghost, sinless, perfect unto the day of redemption, in life, peace, and joy—it means that we should turn our back to the little sin which is keeping us fettered in the service of the Devil, and his reward for our service is death, hell, and torment for ever. Where there is sin, there is no peace and joy; but when the works of the Devil have been destroyed in us by Jesus, then we are free from sin, and our soul is filled with peace, joy, and love in the Lord Jesus, who came to destroy the works of the Devil in us, and to wipe out our dark past in His Precious Blood, that we may be without spot, and presented before His Father's Throne with great joy; for it is written that there shall in nowise enter into

Heaven anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a LIE, but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life—the blood-cleansed, the sinless, the perfect, the righteous, the holy. The future residence of the false teachers, unbelievers, and sin-fettered Christians, if they will not repent, is Hell and the Lake of Fire. First the future residence of the true Christians when their day is past, and they pass from time into eternity, sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption. It is written, they are sown a natural body, and raised a spiritual body. Then and not till then can they say that they are born again, a new creation in Christ Jesus. They shall be raised, and shall ascend with their Blessed Lord into the Heavenly Paradise. When they are in the grave they are in the earthly paradise. There is a picture at Calvary : Three graves. The Lord said to the penitent thief, who was sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption, "To-day shalt thou be with Me in paradise," and for three days the Lord was with the thief in the grave, which is the earthly paradise. Beloved, it is not the place that makes it paradise—it is the state. The thief was sleeping the blessed sleep of the dead until the Resurrection morn, when he shall rise born again a new creation, sown a natural body, and raised a spiritual body (Cor. xv. 44), and from his earthly paradise he shall ascend up to the Heavenly Paradise, where not only the state makes it paradise, but the place. Our Blessed Lord could not be more than three days with the thief in the earthly

paradise, for it was impossible for the grave to hold Him, the overcomer. There are two classes that the grave cannot hold: the overcomers, the born-again on this side of the grave, and the bride. You will find a description of the bride in this book under the heading—"The Bride of the Lamb." Beloved, if you are near the penitent thief at the resurrection of the dead, ask him how long he has been sleeping in the grave. Will his answer be, "I have been two thousand years?" NO! His answer will be, "I was crucified with Christ to-day, and I am going to ascend with Him into the Heavenly Paradise." Beloved, such is the state and calling of all that have repented and believed. They are sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption. Now, let us look at the Devil's sealed ones—the impenitent thief, the false teachers, the unbelievers and sin-fettered Christians. To describe the state of the above we must go back to Calvary to the three graves, which represent the three classes—first, the overcomer's Christ; second, the Christians who have been freed from sin, perfect, sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption; the third class, the false teachers, the unbelievers, and sin-fettered Christendom, which are still sealed with the spirit of the Devil, and not with the spirit of God. The impenitent thief is a type of all such. They are sealed unto the day of death, hell, and torment if they will not repent, which means to turn our back to sin for ever, no longer a servant of the Devil, but the servant of Christ in love, peace, and joy. "Know ye not that to whom ye yield your-

selves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death and hell, or of obedience unto righteousness, love, peace, and joy in the Lord." Now, here we have the impenitent thief or the above sin-fettered in *Hell*, the grave, the earth, sealed with the Devil, and he has had no rest since he was cast out of Heaven. He is a restless spirit, he has said himself that he is wandering to and fro in the earth and up and down in the earth, no rest day and night, but in torment. Such is the state of all his servants, which are sealed by his spirit and sin. Now, we must prove the above from the Word of God. It is written the rich man was cast into hell, and he is in torment at this moment, whether we believe it or not. There are thousands of so-called Christians in hell to-day that have never been sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption, but have been sealed with the spirit of the Devil and sin. The following is a special vision of the worm which has no rest day and night :—I prayed asking God to reveal to me the worm that dieth not, and the fire that is never quenched. That same night I prayed I had the following vision : The first thing was the awful distressing cry of some one in great pain. Then I was in a beautiful meadow, and still the awful crying was going on. I then walked to the place where the distressing cry was coming from, and there in front of me a pool of water, and in it a great worm standing upright out of the water about three feet crying with a human voice in great distress. Then I looked into the water to see what was the cause of all the torment,

and I saw another worm, almost as thick as the large worm, but much shorter. It was busy worrying and biting the large worm. I left that distressing scene, for the crying was awful, and just a few steps from that grave or pool of water there was another grave or pool of water, and a large worm in it, beautifully coiled together, sparkling in the beautiful sunshine, perfectly still, sleeping (what a contrast of the two states), and the awful crying of the other seemed to have no effect upon it. Just as I was leaving, out leapt the worm that was sleeping, and as it ran from me it changed most rapidly in form and in appearance: it appeared like a beautiful creature with wings, and it ran up a high mountain, away up into the glory. But the other worm remained the same in appearance and in torment. Then I prayed to God and asked Him to explain the meaning of the vision, and it is as follows: The first is the worm in torment, the unsealed world, the unbelieving sin-stained world, the false teachers, the NO-HELLITES, the sin-fettered Christians—all that have not been sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption, which is impossible without the spirit of true repentance, which means to turn our back to sin and Satan's service for ever. He that repents and believes, and is baptized, sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption, shall be saved, but all that are unsealed with the Holy Ghost shall go into that place where there is no rest day or night, nothing but torment—such is the state of all who are fettered to sin, sealed with the Devil unto the day of damnation if they will not re-

pent. The other worm, which was changed into a beautiful creature, and ascended into the glory, represents the true Christian : all that have believed, and have been filled with the spirit of true repentance, which have been cleansed in the Blood of the Lamb, and have been baptized, sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption, the rising from the grave, and being changed from glory to glory. Such is the resurrection and life of the blessed redeemed in Christ Jesus, sealed with rest, peace, love, and joy in the Lord—such is the blessed state of all which have turned their back to sin and the Devil for ever.

The following is the final doom of impenitent, unsealed false teachers, and sin-fettered so-called Christendom : all which have not repented. Beloved, before saying another word in connection with the final doom of the wicked, I would like to impress the following truth upon you, which is God's seal on the above teaching. We find in the Book of Daniel xii. 2 : " Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament ; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever." xii. 10 : " Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried ; but the wicked shall go wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand." Again in John v. 28-29 we can hear our Blessed Lord saying, " Marvel not at this ; for the hour is coming in the which all that are in their graves shall hear His voice, and shall

come forth: they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." And in the Book of Revelations xx. 12-15: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, and another book was opened which is the book of life [all that have been sealed with the Holy Ghost are the book of life, and all that are sealed with the Devil and sin are the book of death and hell] and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works." 13: "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man according to their works." 14: "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire; this is the second death." 15: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life [sealed with the Holy Ghost] was cast into the lake of fire." Beloved, when our Blessed Lord comes, which will be the first resurrection, it will only be the born-again on this side of the grave that will ascend to meet Him in the air. They shall sit with Him on His throne, and shall reign with Him a thousand years, for it is written in Revelations xx. 5: "The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished," which will be the general resurrection and the great white throne judgment, as described above. When the redeemed have been taken away into the glory, then will come the final doom of the impenitent sin-fettered Devil-fettered, death and hell-fettered wicked and so-called Christen-

dom, which says that we cannot be freed from sin here on this side of the grave, not until we get to Heaven. O, what a blasphemous LIE against God's truth and all the provision that has been made to wipe out sin for ever, and to make us more than conqueror now and for ever! Now for the final doom of all that are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life. They shall be cast into the lake of fire where their worm dieth not, and the fire is never quenched (Mark ix. 44). Every sin-fettered soul must go through the great tribulation either on this side of the grave until they repent, or on the other side of the grave. We may say that we are Christians, but as long as we are fettered to sin and sinning, we are not Christians, but sinners and liars. If we repent, which means turn our back to sin for ever, and if we go to Heaven we will find the above teaching proved to the hilt in Heaven, for we shall see the overcomers with Christ on His throne. We shall see the righteous shining as the stars for ever, and we shall see that great multitude which no man could number standing round about the throne with white robes on. Revelations vii. 13-14: "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes, and whence came they?" 14: "And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest, and he said to me, These are they which came out of the great tribulation and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb." Beloved, these are they which are going through the great tribulation IN the earth now, and those that

must go through the great tribulation which is coming upon the earth very soon to try them which say that they are Christians and are not, but are still fettered to sin and sinning in the service of the Devil, who is the father of sin. Now, all who will not repent after going through the great tribulation in the earth, which is hell, and on the earth, they must be cast into the great lake of everlasting fire, where their worm dieth not and the fire is never quenched. They shall be in torment for ever, for it is written. the smoke of their torment ariseth up for ever and ever. God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should repent, and accept His great plan of salvation, which wipes out sin for ever, and makes us more than conquerors over sin, and no longer the servants of the Devil. There is one thing that God will not do, and that is, take us into Heaven with our impenitent will and sin-fettered soul. Why? God would cease to be God, and Heaven would cease to be Heaven with such a soul in it. God cannot look upon sin, and Heaven cannot be defiled with it. God is a God of Love, and He is a just God. He will not defile Heaven, and wipe out the joy, peace, love, and purity of the redeemed in the glory by taking into it an impenitent sin-fettered soul.

Now, this sin-stained earth, with all that have not repented, must be cast into the great lake of everlasting fire (*which is the SUN*). We have all seen it, and we have all felt the heat from it, and it is a hundred and eleven times larger than the earth. One thousand pounds was paid the other day in London

for one ounce of the everlasting fire. Our earth came from the sun, and it must return to it again. The gases that rise from the everlasting fire which we have discovered here on the earth, the same gases rise from the sun. There are eleven worlds revolving round the great lake of everlasting fire, the SUN. All the worlds between our earth and the sun are inferior, and all beyond our earth are superior. There is one ten times larger than our earth. All the worlds between us and the glory are worlds wherein dwelleth righteousness, and all the worlds between us and the great lake of everlasting fire have no inhabitants dwelling upon them, and they have no moon. They are waiting on God moving upon their waters to create man and all that make a world lovely. Our earth has only one moon. The worlds nearer the glory have more; there is one with four, one with six, and one with seven. Our moon is a fallen world. There is no vegetation upon it. It has gone right through the lake of fire, and so will our earth soon. It will go right through the lake of fire, leaving all its sin-fettered victims in the lake. Then it will become a moon for the next world that God begins creation on. Our world is the prodigal world, the fallen world.

Now I shall prove from the Word of God the final doom of this world and all the sin-fettered that have not repented. I have been speaking of what has been revealed to me and what I have seen through the telescope, but now let us turn to the Word of

God. After the great white throne judgment is past, and all the redeemed lifted up on to the Heavenly Paradise which shall ascend into the glory—that moment the earth shall break out on fire. II. Peter iii. 10: "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. The Earth also, and the works that are therein shall be BURNED UP." II: "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" Beloved, that moment the earth breaks out on fire, that moment the law of gravitation shall change, and the earth will be attracted by the great attracting power of the *SUN, which is the Great Lake of Everlasting Fire*. Then will be fulfilled Isaiah xxiv. 19-20: "The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly." 20: "The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage, and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it, and it shall fall, and not rise again." Beloved, the earth will be attracted into the great lake of everlasting fire, with all the false teachers, sin-fettered so-called Christians, and unbelievers which have not repented, and all whose names were not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Then will be fulfilled our Blessed Lord's words in Matthew xxv. 46: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life.

eternal." Revelations xx. 14 : "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire." This is the second death. The first death becomes a second death, which is an everlasting death, and hell is cast into the lake of fire. Hell is the earth, the grave. Then will be fulfilled as it is written : "The heavens and the earth fled away, and there was found no place for them." The earth will disappear into the great lake of everlasting fire, leaving all its victims struggling in the awful hell of torment, struggling to keep their heads out of the lake of fire, knowing that if they allow themselves to sink the torment will be awful, and to drown themselves or to die is impossible now ; they would give a thousand worlds to be dead. It is written : "The smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever." Again it is written : "They shall be cast into the fire where their *worm dieth not*, and the fire is never quenched." Beloved, as sure as there is an everlasting life for the redeemed, there is everlasting torment for the lost. God is not willing that any should perish, but they will not come that they may have life, and that more abundantly. The only comfort that I can give to all who are determined to sin and turn their back to God's great salvation, and going headlong into the lake of fire, is that I see from a few photographs that I have of the lake of fire, which were taken through the telescope—the little comfort is pieces of burning slag which seem to be a little cooler than the lake itself. It seems to be possible for the poor victims in the lake

to creep upon them, but the little bit of comfort I cannot promise to last long, for these pieces of slag disappear at times into the lake. Beloved, repent and believe the Gospel and ye shall enter into the glory to be for ever with the Lord.

IV.—Ye must be Born Again (whether ye will or not).

“Sown a natural body, and raised a spiritual body.”

—Corinthians xv. 44.

“**Y**E must be born again,” is the cry of the preacher, as if to be born again was the salvation of the soul. Beloved, we must be born again in some form, whether we will or not. Such is God’s plan of creation, for it is written: “Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural, and afterwards that which is spiritual.” And again it is written: “We are sown a natural body, and raised a spiritual body.” It would be good news for the unbeliever if all was over at the grave. But we must be born again before we can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, and we must be born again before we can be cast into the lake of everlasting fire to suffer everlasting torment. Flesh and blood cannot inherit Heaven nor the lake of fire, which is the second death in everlasting torment, and there is no second death without a second birth, so we must be born again whether we will or not, for our Blessed Lord says the hour is coming in the which all that are in their graves shall hear His voice

and shall come forth: they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation (John v. 28-29). Beloved, it is impossible to wipe out life. When God creates a man and breathes into his nostrils the breath of life, all the annihilators and all the Devils in hell cannot wipe it out. From the dust God creates man a natural being. Then the man returns to the earth with his natural body, and life begins again in his natural body in the form of a worm (I have seen life begin before the body was laid in the grave), and God from the worm creates the man again if he has been sealed with the Holy Ghost a spiritual body to His praise and glory. If he has been sealed with the Devil, he will not have a glorified body, but an everlasting body that shall be cast into hell. But in steps the destroyer and says: "There is a Holy Ghost man in that furnace; there is no worm there for God to create him again." Beloved, from the moisture of that Holy Ghost man's last dying breath God could create a multitude of saints, and from his last tear-drop God could create a world and a great multitude of righteous men; and if you would like to prove the above, put a drop of water on a warm plate, and put the microscope on it, and you will see a little world with a great multitude of little creatures impossible to number; and if you take the ashes of the Holy Ghost man from the furnace, and sprinkle them on the path way that leads to your church, a revival will break out in the church,

as it is written : " The moment that the dead body touched the bones of the man of God in the grave, that moment the dead body was quickened and came to life again." It is impossible to wipe out life, for every breath we take and give out is filled with life, quickened either with the spirit of God or with the spirit of the Devil. As it is written in reference to the man of God : " Out of his belly shall flow fountains of living waters." And again : " He breathed on His disciples, and said, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." Beloved, what the preachers have got to cry at this time is not " Ye must be born again," but " Ye must REPENT, REPENT, REPENT, and believe the Gospel." It is because we must be born again, sown a natural body and raised a spiritual body, sealed with the Holy Ghost for Heaven, or sealed with the Devil in sin for hell. Beloved, that is why the salvation of our soul is of so much importance. If life was wiped out at the grave, I would not cry " REPENT, REPENT, REPENT, and believe the Gospel, that ye may be sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption, and not sealed with the Devil in sin unto the day of damnation."

Now, beloved, we will explain the true meaning of the following Scripture that our Blessed Lord put forth to Nicodemus when Nicodemus said, " Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest except God be with him." At this point our Blessed Lord saw that Nicodemus did not see Him as the Christ,

the Son of God, the Kingdom at hand by his side. Then Jesus said, "Except a man be born again he cannot SEE the Kingdom." Now Nicodemus, instead of being anxious about seeing the Kingdom, begins to puzzle himself about getting back into his mother's womb that he might be born again. Beloved, it was impossible for Nicodemus to see Jesus as the Son of God without being born of the spirit of God or the spirit of the Devil. When Jesus was a baby in the Temple, the spirit-filled man of God, when he saw Jesus, said, "Now mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." Here is another man that was not filled with the Holy Ghost or with the Devil, and this man said, "Thou art the Christ the Son of God." Now, I am referring to Peter, who was not born again spirit-filled until after Calvary and Pentecost. The Lord asked His disciples saying, "Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" And they said unto Him, "Some say that Thou art John the Baptist, some Elias, and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets." He said unto them, "But Whom say ye that I am?" And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus answered and said unto him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jano, FLESH AND BLOOD hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in Heaven." Peter had a special revelation from God that Jesus was the Christ, and he was not born again at that time, for the Lord said after that to him, "Peter, when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Now, we have seen God's side of seeing

Jesus as the Christ. Let us look at the Devil's side. Our Blessed Lord turned round many a time and rebuked the demons for making Him known by crying out, "Thou art the Son of God," and the man in the tombs who was filled with Satan, when he saw Jesus, cried out, "Thou art the Son of the Most High God ; art Thou come to torment us before our time?" Now, you see, beloved, it is a spiritual revelation, and we must be born of God our Father, or our Father the Devil, whose children we are if we are fettered to one little sin. We must be born of the above before we can see Christ the Lord. Now let us look at John iii. 5 : "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." Our Blessed Lord here is speaking of two births—the natural and the spiritual. The word water means the natural, and the spirit, spiritual. 6 : "That which is born of the flesh [water] is flesh [water], and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." But when preachers come to the word water, they make a pause, and say, "Now, this word water is not baptism ; it means the Word of God." Then, when the Water Baptists come to it they say, "Now, the word water here does not mean the Word of God ; it means baptism." Now, the following proves up to hilt that the word water in the above connection has got nothing to do with the Word or Baptism. Our Blessed Lord is making clear to a man who seems to be blind to spiritual things that he must be born again, first of water, the flesh ; and of the spirit. He is speaking of two births—the natural and the

spiritual : that which is born of the flesh [water], and that which is born of the spirit. Now, beloved, everything that is born in this world in connection with the natural creation is born of water. There are three elements in connection with the natural creation—the first is the Seed ; second, Water ; third, the Lake of Fire, which is the Sun ; and as long as these three bodies are apart from each other there is no creation going on, but the moment that the seed comes into contact with the water and the heat from the sun, that moment creation begins, and life begins to manifest itself. The following is proof of the above : In the beginning God created all seed, but there was no life, no fruit bearing, but, as it is written, there went up a mist from the earth and watered the whole ground, and the creation of all things was started, and man appeared on the earth out of the dust and water. Beloved, no natural creature can be born without water : it is impossible for you to show me anything with life in it which has come to life without water, or anything that you can touch or handle ; it is impossible for you to prove that it has come into existence without water. Here is another proof our Blessed Lord came in the flesh, born of woman, that He should be tempted in every point such as we are, and that He may die for us that our dark past may be wiped out in His Blood. I. John v. 6 : “ This is He that came by WATER and blood, even Jesus Christ not by WATER only, but by WATER and blood, and it is the spirit that beareth witness, because the SPIRIT IS TRUTH. Every man is born of water,

and the womb which he is created in by water is filled with water." The Water Baptists twist the above word Water into Baptism. Wherever the word Water appears in the Word of God, they are like the ducks, they must plunge into it. O, that men would believe the Word of God as it is written, and not twist it out of its meaning and connection to hold forth their creeds and to satisfy their carnal desires !

The two following will give further proof in connection with the word Water. Near to where I was staying for a few years, down a glen, there was a pool of water, and I learned a fine lesson on that which is born of Water. There the frogs had carefully left their seed in the water, and they were very careful in leaving it on the sunny side of the water, and in a few days there appeared the little creatures, which had no head, no legs, only a little round thing with a tail. I had a fine opportunity of studying creation going on in the pool of water, as I was alone with God and His Word every day for years. In a few more days the little creatures were changed into the likeness of little frogs, and there they were jumping all over the place out of the water (*Born of Water*). The next illustration is the last and best. The change is so great that one would think that it was from the natural body into the spiritual glorified body. In the Autumn, just when the frost begins, the caterpillar is forced to leave the cabbage and take shelter from the cold. One day I observed on the garden path a large green caterpillar on its way for

shelter. It crawled up an old door, and nestling itself under the cross-bar of the door, and in God's wonderful protecting power, He seals it over with a hard coating which is part of itself, and which protects it from the Winter storms. Not only that, but that He may work His great creative power upon it by changing it from a caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly, everything was in the caterpillar for the new creation. It just appeared like a bulb of water with life in it when creeping on the ground. I could see the snow drifting upon it through the Winter months. The following Summer when the birds were singing and the flowers blooming, the Lord that very moment that the new creation was finished, He led me to the old door, and there the little casket was broken and running down from it water, and clinging close by it a beautiful white butterfly dripping wet (*Born of Water*). But the change was so great that it seemed to me like a glorified spiritual body. I put it upon my hand, and holding it out to the sunshine, in a few moments it was dry, and it began to move its wings, then it took its flight into the air. No more creeping in the dust, but living in the heavenly places, and feasting on the honey from every open flower. Beloved, the above is a true type of the sinner passing from the natural side into the spiritual. As the caterpillar was in great danger of being frozen, so is the sinner in great danger of being tormented for ever in everlasting fire, for as the cabbage on which the caterpillar was living was frozen up, so this world on which the sinner is living shall be cast

into the great lake of everlasting fire. Every man which is fettered to sin and sinning, is fettered to death and hell, and if he wants to escape that awful place of torment, he must be like the caterpillar : creep on his hands and knees to Calvary, and there under the Cross of his Blessed Redeemer he must, in the spirit of true repentance, and in the spirit of true faith, yield himself under the mighty hand of God, and He will not only cleanse him from all his sin, but, like the butterfly, He shall create him anew, and make him more than conqueror over sin, and seal him with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption, when he shall rise with his spiritual glorified body, and shall ascend into the glory with our Blessed Lord. And when he looks back he will see this sin-fettered world, and all that have not repented, hurled into the great lake of everlasting fire.

Beloved, the above is true, whether we believe it or not. We are living in a time when they will not endure sound doctrine ; when they shall call good evil, and evil good. REPENT and believe the Gospel, and not the Devilspel, which is death and hell.

We must be born again in some form, whether we will or not. Sown a natural body and raised a spiritual body (Corinthians xv. 44).

V.—The Four Classes.

FIRST.—The first is the worldling or the church-member believers. They have a name to live, and are dead ; they have a head knowledge about Christ, but not a heart knowledge. They know as much about Robert Burns as they know about Jesus. Some of them have their name written on the church roll. They might as well have it written across the Devil's back. If our names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life, we are religious frauds on our way to hell. Why ? Because we have never repented, and gone under the blood that cleanseth from all sin. Beloved, to repent and have our dark past wiped out for ever is one thing ; but to be baptized with the Holy Ghost—that wipes out the Demons which keep us fettered to sin in the Devil's service, and fills our soul with peace and joy, and seals our name in the Lamb's Book of Life. Beloved, such an experience is blessed. Satan claims every soul which is not sealed with the Holy Ghost. Why ? Because they are sealed with the Devil, and he keeps them fettered to sin until they arrive at the grave, and there they stagger into that place where there is no rest day and night, until the day of redemption.

Second.—This class claim to be converted, saved. They have repented ; they have been to Calvary ;

their dark past has been wiped out for ever. But, alas! Satan seems to trip them up in sin, and they fall. They crucify their Blessed Lord afresh, and put Him to an open shame before a gazing world. They have not gone in for that salvation which makes us more than conqueror over sin; they have not been sealed with the Holy Ghost; they have not allowed Jesus to finish His work in them, which is to destroy the works of the Devil, and yet they claim to be saved, and some of them say that they are born again. Why, they are not saved, far less born again. They are being saved. Scripture never says, "He that believes is saved." It always says, "*Shall* be saved." We must turn our back to sin, and let Jesus finish His work in us. When is a drowning man saved? When he is saved from drowning. When is a sin-fettered Christian saved? When he is saved from sinning. Beloved, never say that you are converted or saved until you can stand up and say that sin has no more dominion over you, and that you are more than conqueror over sin.

Third.—This class is the class that God would like Christendom to be in. Why? Because it must be sinless, righteous, perfect: just up to that state that Adam was in before the Fall. All provision has been made that we may attain to that perfect, sinless state, so that we may be sown a perfect, sinless, natural body, then rise with a glorified spiritual body, born again on the Resurrection morn, or on this side of the grave if we care to fulfil the conditions for the

Kingdom of Heaven's sake. For not one out of a thousand in Christendom is born again on this side of the grave, and not one out of a hundred attain to the sinless, perfect state that Adam was in before the Fall. The man in class three must repent—his dark past must be wiped out in the Blood of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ ; then he must realise that sin has to have NO part in his life, and to keep from sinning, crucifying his Lord afresh, and putting him to an open shame, he must claim the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that all that keeps him fettered to sin may be cleared out ; and when he fulfils the above, he stands sinless, perfect as Adam was perfect before the Fall. God made Adam perfect like Himself, and that is why our Blessed Lord says : " Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect." The little sparrow is perfect, because God made it perfect as He Himself is perfect ; the little baby is perfect until Satan, the demon of sin, puts his hand upon it; then it is defiled, until Jesus, the Holy One of God, lays His hand upon it. Then it is perfect again. Now, the man that has attained to that perfect state that Adam was in before the Fall dare not say that he is born again. Why? Because he is still a natural man, fulfilling the natural desires of the flesh ; he has just attained to that state he should never have fallen from. All the difference between the sin-fettered Christian and the sinless, perfect Christian is that one is being saved and sanctified, and the other is saved and sanctified. Being cleansed and sanctified is not born again : it is only making the temple clean which was.

defiled by sin and the demons of sin.

Fourth.—The next class is the born-again class. Before a man can enter into this class he must attain to that state that Adam was in before the Fall—sanctified, sinless, perfect. And after he has attained to that state he must make up his mind to fulfil Matthew xix. 12. Beloved, before I explain the condition that must be fulfilled before anyone can enter into this class, I would like you to know that God is not expecting more than one out of a hundred in Christendom to attain to this class. I don't believe there is one out of a thousand at the present day in Christendom who has attained to this class. Notice, Christendom's highest calling is a sinless, perfect, sanctified, *natural life in the flesh*, fulfilling all the natural desires of the flesh according to the beautiful laws of nature. The condition Christendom must fulfil is—"Repent, and believe the Gospel, with your back turned to sin for ever, and you will receive your Pentecost, which will sanctify and seal you unto the day of redemption, when Christendom shall be born again in one day." Beloved, to enter into the born-again new-creation life here on this side of the grave a very high price must be paid: We must attain to the high calling on the natural side in the flesh, where Adam was before the Fall—sinless, perfect, sanctified. Then the man who has attained to the above state is ready to pass from the natural side into the spiritual—born again a new creation in Christ Jesus. But he must also fulfil the following—Romans xii. 1, 2, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of

God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service ;” 2, “ And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” The man who has fulfilled the above has turned his back to the lawful desires of the flesh ; he has laid himself upon the altar, with his back turned to the world, sin, flesh, devil, and self ; he is born again a new creation in Christ Jesus ; the old man, the fleshy nature, is crucified with Christ ; he is dead to the flesh ; he is no longer in the flesh, but in the spirit (Romans viii. 9) ; he is filled with the Holy Ghost. When he was in the flesh he was sinless, perfect, sanctified ; but now the old man is consumed, and he has become a new creation, filled with the Holy Ghost. Therefore, when he was in the flesh, it was impossible for corruption to inherit corruption ; now his life must correspond with Romans vi. 6, “ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed ” (that is, the *body of flesh*, which may fall into sin at any moment). “ He that is dead is freed from sin ” (that is, dead to the flesh, and alive unto God, born again). Romans viii. 10, “ If Christ be in you, the body is dead, because of sin : but the spirit is life, because of righteousness.” 11, “ He that raised up Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His spirit that dwelleth in you.” 12, “ For if we live after the flesh, we shall die, but if we, through the spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body, we shall live.”

Christendom, sinless, perfect in the flesh, must die, and be raised at the last day, born again. But the man that has fulfilled the above, and is born again on this side of the grave, SHALL NEVER DIE—he shall ascend into the Heavenly Paradise. But sinless, perfect Christendom must remain dead, dead, dead—sealed with the Holy Ghost in the earthly paradise, in perfect peace, for at least one thousand years. When they hear the Lord's voice, they will rise to His praise and glory, and they will not know whether they have been dead [asleep] one moment or one thousand years. But sin-fettered Christendom that passes from time into eternity not having turned its back to sin, but is still fettered to sin, and sealed with the Devil—for he that is fettered to sin is of the Devil (I. John iii. 8)—they shall never be dead, they shall go to the grave (HELL). They would give a thousand worlds to be dead, like sinless, perfect, Holy Ghost sealed Christendom, as it is written in Revelation xiv. 13, "And I heard a Voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Sweet rest for all that are sinless, sealed with the Holy Ghost; but no rest for all that are sin-fettered, sealed with the Devil! The latter are in torment day and night, as it is written, "They shall seek death, but shall not find it."

But let us get back to the born-again man. The next Scripture that his life must correspond with is in Matthew xix. 12, "And there be eunuchs which

have made themselves eunuchs for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake" (a born-again man has no connection with the flesh: he is dead to it). And again, his life must be in keeping with I. John iii. 9, "Whosoever is born of God *doth not commit sin*, for his seed remaineth in him [he has become a eunuch], and he CANNOT SIN, because he is born of God." But many preachers tell me that the born-again man *can sin*. My answer to all such is that they are LIARS, and the truth is not in them. The man that tells me he is saved, and is still fettered to one little sin, I say that man is a Liar, and the truth is not in him. He is not saved—he is being saved from his little sin. Again, the man that tells me he is born again, and is still fulfilling the desires of the flesh, that he may be fruitful and replenish the earth, I say that he is a Liar, and the truth is not in him. It is written, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, and they that are after the spirit the things of the spirit." Beloved, it is one thing to say we are saved and born again, but it is an entirely different thing to prove it from our life. So-called Christendom at the present day is only playing at Christianity. Beloved, to live a sinless life in the flesh means something, but His grace will keep us, and enable us to enter into the born-again life, the new creation life in Jesus Christ on this side of the grave, filled with the Holy Ghost, with our back turned to the flesh, so that our members may be mortified, dead to the desires of the flesh, but

quickened by the Holy Ghost that we may be alive unto God, our whole body saturated with Him; not to live after the flesh, but after the spirit, like Paul, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway." Now, beloved, I must explain the above. When Paul said, "I keep under my body," it was not that he may fall back into sin. O, no! Sin had no part in Paul's life. He was determined not to pamper his body with meats, lest he stir up the lawful desires of the flesh, which is not sin. Here I will put it to you in another way, for it is most important that all that are determined to be born again on this side of the grave, that they may have wonderful power and be a great blessing to Christendom, it is important that they should be clear on the above. When Paul said "a castaway," did he mean the man of the world who cares for nothing Christian, but only for himself, for meat, drink, and pleasure? Is that the man that Paul was afraid that he would become like? O, no! Then, was it the Church member—the man that goes to the Church once a week, and has his name on the Church roll? Was that the castaway that Paul was determined not to be? O, no! Then, was it the man who has discovered that he is a sinner, and has repented, and has been to Calvary, and has had his dark past wiped out, but is still tripped up with a little sin, and at the same time he says that he is saved, is that the castaway that Paul was determined

not to be? O, no! Then, was it the man that realised that he was a sinner, and repented, and was cleansed in the Blood of the Lamb, and was determined that sin would have no part in his life: he would not commit sin for a world lest he should crucify his Beloved Lord afresh, and put Him to an open shame: he was determined to get back to that state that Adam was in before the Fall, and did get back to it, and lived a sinless, perfect life in the flesh, fulfilling the beautiful laws in nature, breaking none of them, with the finger of God pointed at him saying—"Behold the perfect man." Is that the castaway that Paul was afraid he would become? Yes, that is the castaway that Paul was afraid he would become. Paul was determined not to be a perfect, sinless man *in the flesh*, but a born-again man, a new creation in Christ Jesus, filled with the Holy Ghost, ready to take part in the first Resurrection, and to sit with Christ on His throne, and reign with Him a thousand years. For such is the promise to all that overcome and are born again on this side of the grave. But, beloved, very, very few go in for such a high calling. If there were more, Christendom would not be in the hands and service of the Devil in sin, as it is at the present day. The sinless, perfect, sanctified man in the *flesh* is only a castaway in the eyes of the born-again, because he has not the power in the Lord's service that the Holy Ghost filled, born-again man has. "They that are after the flesh, do mind the things of the flesh, and they that

are after the spirit the things of the spirit." The sinless, perfect, sanctified man in the flesh must be sown a natural body, and raised a spiritual body; but the born-again man when he shall pass from time into eternity, will ascend up into the Heavenly Paradise to come with the Lord or to meet Him in the air. But the rest of the dead, sinless, Holy Ghost sealed, sanctified, dead Christians live not again until the thousand years reign of peace is finished upon the earth (Revelations xx. 15), and certainly the sin-fettered, Devil-sealed impenitent that have passed from time to eternity are not dead, but in that place where there is no rest day and night, but in torment until the Resurrection at the last day. Then they shall stand with the Righteous before the Judgment Throne, and they shall hear the Lord saying: "These shall go away into everlasting punishment, [IF THEY HAVE NOT REPENTED] but the Righteous into life eternal"—Matthew xxv. 46.

VI.—He that is born of God cannot Sin.

BELOVED, He that is born of God cannot Sin. Such a Gospel truth at the present day, sin-fettered Christendom cannot swallow, and will not believe it. Now, when a man kicks against God's Gospel and power, and says that he will not believe that it is possible for God to create a man on this side of the grave so that it will be impossible for him to sin—certainly such a man will never attain to that state where he is more than conqueror over sin. Now, I will prove up to the hilt from Scripture that it is not possible for a man that is born again on this side of the grave to commit Sin, as it is written: "How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein." Beloved, before I prove the above to be true, for it cannot be anything else but true, for God says it, I would like you to know that the above Gospel born again on this side of the grave has not to be thrust down Christendom's throat. It is only for those that care to pay the price, and are determined to go in for the very highest and best that can be attained to on this side of the grave. Now for the proof, impossible for a man that is born again to commit sin. God proves it to be impossible with the sinless, perfect, sanctified man in the flesh. Now,

if God proves it impossible for a man that is not born again but still in the flesh, certainly it must be impossible with the born-again man, the new creation in Christ Jesus, filled with the Holy Ghost. The man in the flesh can be tempted, and yet God proves it to be impossible. I believe that the sinless, perfect man in the flesh can be tempted, and when a man can be tempted, it is possible for him to fall. But God in the following case proves it to be impossible. All power was given to the Devil to get the perfect man to sin, but he was defeated. Job i. 6—"Now there was a day when the Sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them." 7, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." 8, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered My servant, Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" 9, "Then Satan answered the Lord and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?" 10, "Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land." 11, "But put forth Thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse Thee to Thy face." 12, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the

presence of the Lord." 13, "And there was a day when Job's sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house ; and when Satan was away from the presence of the Lord, he said to himself, Now I must get this man to sin. I will bring the Chaldeans in upon his servants, and kill them with the edge of the sword, and I will take away all his camels ; then I will bring fire down from Heaven and consume his sheep and servants, and I will bring a great wind from the wilderness and smite his eldest son's house, that it may fall and kill all his sons and daughters, and if that will not make him curse God, I don't know what will. Then Satan stands near to Job so that he may see the effect of all the calamities that are coming upon him, and now Satan's destroying hand is put into action through his demon forces. Now, there came a messenger unto Job and said, The oxen were plowing and the asses feeding beside them, and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them away ; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword, and I am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was speaking there came also another and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away ; yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword, and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking there came also another and said, The fire of God is fallen from Heaven, and hath burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them, and I only an escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking there

came also another and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, and, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead, and I only am escaped alone to tell thee." Then the Devil expected every moment that Job would curse God, but O, the disappointment. Then Job arose and rent his mantle and shaved his head and fell upon the ground and worshipped, and said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the name of the Lord." In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly, and Satan was defeated. It was impossible to get the sinless, perfect man in the flesh to sin. But some say it is possible to have all your possessions taken away and all your family killed, and not sin. The Devil seemed to think the very same, and like others he thought if he could get at Job's body to destroy it, then he would curse God to His face. So in the next Chapter (2) we read: "Again there was a day when the Sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord, and the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it; and again the second time, the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered My servant, Job, that there is none like him in the earth,

a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movest Me against him to destroy him without cause. And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea all that a man hath will he give for his life, but put forth Thine hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse Thee to Thy face. And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thy hands, but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and said to himself, I must get this perfect man, Job, to sin against God. I will cover him with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown, and then I will get his wife to come in and ask him to curse God and die, and I will get his friends to come and comfort him by telling him that he has been doing something displeasing to God or all this would not have come upon him. And again Satan goes very near to Job so that he may hear and see the effect, and there we see Job sitting in an awful state with boils, then his wife came in, and said unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. In all did not Job sin with his lips. Then his so-called comforters came and started to air their philosophy by telling him that he must have been doing something that had displeased God or all this would not have come upon him, and on they go, airing their wonderful wisdom, and after they have almost poured out all their philosophy, Job takes them nicely down by saying, "No doubt but ye

are the people, and wisdom will die with you." And again they begin to rail upon him, and at last Job gets tired of them, and cries out, "Leave me alone, for I know that my Redeemer liveth, and in the latter days He shall stand upon the earth, and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God, and though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him: He also shall be my salvation (for an hypocrite shall not stand before Him)!" And again the Devil was defeated, and his last chance was gone.

When Job said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him," God proves from the above up to the hilt that it is impossible for the Devil to make the righteous man in the flesh sin. Now, if it is impossible on the natural side, certainly it must be impossible on the spiritual side, for there is nothing in the born-again man to respond to the Devil's sinful desires, for it is written: "He that is born of God keepeth himself, and that 'wicked one' toucheth him not" (I. John v. 18). Why is it impossible for the Devil to tempt a born-again man? Because he has turned his back to the world; sin, flesh, Devil, and old-self is crucified with Christ, and now he has risen with Christ, and is one with Him. The only temptation that the Devil can hold out to the born-again man is this sin-stained world with all its sin-fettered Kingdoms. But that is no temptation to a born-again man: it is an abomination, for well the born-again man knows that this world, with the Devil and all that have not repented, shall be hurled into

the great lake of everlasting fire, to be tormented for ever (Matthew xxv. 46 and Revelations xx. 15). Now, anything that is an abomination is not a temptation. It is impossible to tempt a born-again man with anything in this world, he is dead, not only to everything in the world, but dead to himself, and alive unto God, a new creation in Christ Jesus, as it is written, "Ye are in the world, but not of the world."

Now, God says in I. John iii. 9: "He that is born of God CANNOT SIN." But the so-called Christians of the twentieth century cry with a loud voice against God's truth, and say that it is a lie, for they are born again, and they can sin. Now, beloved, hear what God has got to say about these blasphemous LIARS against His truth. First of all, they kick against His truth, and say that it is a lie, that the born-again man can commit sin, they themselves have committed the unpardonable sin against the Holy Ghost and His glorious Gospel of Christ. I. John iii. 8: "He that committeth sin is of the Devil." 9: "He that is born of God cannot sin." 10: "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the Devil." The following is another passage of Scripture they throw in our face to prove God's word to be a lie. The Devil's servants are good at giving us Scripture which seems to prove another Scripture to be a lie. God says, "He that is born of God *Cannot Sin.*" Now, here is the passage of Scripture the Christian in the flesh gives us to prove the above "cannot sin" to be a LIE. May the Lord have mercy upon them!

You will find the passage in Hebrews vi. 4-9. Certainly this Scripture has and is baffling all the preachers. I have never heard one answering it in its true light. I have put it before the Keswick teachers, and not one of them could answer it in its true light. Hebrews vi. 4-6 : " For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the Heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost." 5 : " And have tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come." 6 : " If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance." Seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame, certainly the above Scripture seems to prove that it is possible for the born-again man to commit sin. But, strange to say, it is the very Scripture that God has given me to prove that it is impossible for the man who is born again to commit sin. It was revealed to me after prayer and fasting. Now, first, I will give you the light which the teachers of the present day throw upon it. To my mind, I think, it is very weak. They say when he falls away it is impossible to renew him to repentance while he is falling, or, in other words, while he is lying drunk down in the kitchen it is impossible for him to present himself sober up in the drawing-room. I say such an answer to such a wonderful passage of Scripture should be hung up on the wall of an Asylum to prove the wonderful philosophy of the Christians of the twentieth century. Now, beloved,

before I explain Hebrews vi. 4-6, in the name of Jesus, and in the presence of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter who is here to guide and direct us to all truth, I must get you to believe the following, and if you will not believe, then you may not understand Hebrews vi. 4-6. Do you believe that you are a sinner, and that if ye repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, that he has come in the flesh to save you from sin, and that His Blood cleanseth you from all sin, and with His glorious baptism of the Holy Ghost, He can make you more than conqueror over sin, and seal you with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption? Now, if ye believe the above, and yield yourself under His mighty hand, your dark past shall be wiped out, and you will stand a conqueror over sin in the flesh, ready to resist the Devil at every point. But, beloved, I want you to believe more than the above, although it is not necessary to believe more than the above for the salvation of your soul. But I want you to believe that it is possible for you to present that sinless, perfect body of yours to God a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, with your back turned to the world, flesh and self crucified with Christ, and risen with Him a new creation, born again, walking in the beauty of holiness, ONE with Christ in God, as our Blessed Lord has said: "I in the Father, and the Father in Me; and I in you, and you in Me, that we may be ONE; and he that is born of God cannot Sin." Now, if you believe what God has said is true,

we will get you to understand the true meaning of Hebrews vi. 4-6 ; but we must read the first eight verses of Hebrews vi.—1 : " Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection : not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith towards God." 2 : " Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of the resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment." 3 : " And this will we do, if God permit." 4 : " For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the Heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost." 5 : " And have tasted of the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come." 6 : " If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance : seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." 7 : " For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meat for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God." 9 : " But that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing, whose end is to be burned."

Beloved, the man that has fulfilled the above conditions is Born Again, and it is impossible for him to fall. The Apostle only supposes him to fall, so as to make his point clear to the sin-fettered, crucifying, day and night Christians which he was speaking to. Many a bright Christian who has fallen, and then reads Hebrews vi. 4-6, thinks that all is over, and that there is no hope of being renewed to repentance.

Beloved reader, if that is your state, don't worry; you are not born again; you don't belong to the above born-again class, for God says that they cannot sin (I. John iii. 9). Beloved, you belong to the class that the Apostle is speaking to— that class that are being tripped up in sin, and are laying the foundations of repentance year in and year out. If Christendom would realize that it is not saved yet, far less born again, it would not worry itself about Hebrews vi. 4-6, for they that are being tripped up in sin are not saved, but being saved. Christendom is still in the flesh: it is not born again. There is not one out of a thousand has attained to the perfection in Hebrews vi., which is born again. All I can say to sin-fettered Christendom is, that if it wants to keep clear of that place where there is no rest day and night, nothing but torment, it must turn its back to sin, and stop crucifying the Lord afresh, and putting Him to an open shame, and give up laying the foundation of repentance year in and year out, and go on unto perfection. Now, for the answer to Hebrews vi. 4-6. Beloved, did it never strike you when reading the first eight verses of Hebrews vi. that it was very strange how that the sin-fettered Christians in verse 1 could lay the foundation of repentance year in and year out after crucifying the Lord afresh and putting Him to an open shame, and yet it was impossible for the born-again man to be renewed to repentance? Here is the answer: It is impossible for the born-again man to fall. The Apostle is urging on the sin-fettered Christians from their sinning, crucifying life

on to perfection, telling them of the man that has attained to the high pinnacle of perfection in Christ Jesus, born again ; and to make his point clear, he supposes the born-again man to fall, so as to prove that it would be impossible to renew him to repentance, like them who are laying the foundation of repentance year in and year out. Now, here is the whole secret and true meaning of the above Scripture, which is baffling all the preachers and teachers in Christendom. The reason that it is impossible for the born-again man to be renewed to repentance, supposing he was to fall (which is impossible), is that he has become ONE with God in CHRIST JESUS, for our Blessed Lord has said to the born-again man on this side of the grave : " I in the Father, and the Father in Me ; I in you, and you in Me, that we may be ONE," and all the unbelievers, Christian preachers, philosophers, and Devils in Hell can never separate that born-again man from God, who has become ONE with God in Christ Jesus. Now, beloved, I am supposing, like the Apostle in the sixth verse of Hebrews vi., that the born-again man is going to fall. He has become ONE with God in Christ Jesus, and he says to his Father, God, " Father, I want to sin against Jesus ; I want to crucify Him afresh, and put Him to an open shame. But I find it impossible for me to do so without crucifying God, my Father, and myself, with Jesus." Now, we shall suppose that he has crucified Jesus, God his Father, and certainly himself, for it was impossible for him to do anything else, seeing that he had become ONE with God in

Christ Jesus. Is it possible for him to be renewed to repentance? Certainly, NO! Why? Because he is crucified to HIMSELF. As it is written, Hebrews vi. 4-6—(4) "Impossible" (6) "if they shall fall away to renew him again to repentance, seeing they crucify to *themselves* the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame."

Judas betrayed Jesus. After doing so, he went and hanged himself; but we will suppose that he crucified himself. Now, after Judas crucified himself, was it possible for him to be renewed to repentance? No! Why? Because he was crucified to himself. Beloved, God proves up to the hilt from His Word that the man who is born again Cannot Sin: it is impossible. It could only be possible if God was to create the born-again man again. The born-again man would have to say—and certainly before I say any more I would like you to understand that the born-again man's request would not be granted—he would have to say, "Father, I want to crucify Jesus again, but I cannot do it without being crucified with Him. But, Father, if you will create me again a natural man in the flesh, and give me back the old carnal desires, and bring to life again these members of the body which were mortified done to death, and allow the demon of sin to return into my natural body, so that the passions of lust, enmity, and jealousy may take hold of me, I may be fettered to the world, flesh, sin, Devil, and self." Beloved, then and not till then can the man that was born again sin, crucify Jesus afresh, without being

crucified to himself. The born-again man on this side of the grave must not only give up the world, flesh, sin (which is the Devil), and self, but he must give up his Will. It must be consumed with him, that he may walk in the beauty of holiness, filled with the Holy Ghost, which is God's Will only. Beloved, I am not speaking about sin-fettered Christendom which is in the service of the Devil at the present day, nor am I speaking about the sanctified, sinless, perfect man in the flesh. I am speaking about the man who is born again on this side of the grave, a new creation in Christ Jesus, ONE with God in Christ. It is impossible to be ONE with God in Christ Jesus, and have our natural Will, as it is written: "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me," that it may be what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect Will of God. It is impossible to enter into Heaven with one particle of our own will. That is why Christendom is filled with false teachers. They say that they are born again, and they are not; for they are liars walking after the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh according to their own will. It is a very easy thing to say that we are born again, but it is quite a different thing to prove it by our life, which is Christ God in us. There are three wills fighting against each other: first, man's will, which at the present day is in company with the Devil's will, fighting against God's will by tearing His Holy Book to pieces, so that they may get their carnal desires satisfied in the service of the Devil, who seems to be the leading power at the

present time. Jesus had a natural will in the flesh, that He should be tempted the same as we are. One place we see His natural will almost overcoming Him. It was in the Garden when He was in agony of soul about dying on the cross for the sins of a lost world. He said, "Father, O that this cup would pass from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Thy will be done." Beloved, the moment that Jesus gave up His own will in the flesh for God's will only, that moment a lost world received a salvation that would lift it from a burning Hell into the glory by one look of faith at Calvary, with our back turned to sin for ever. Glory! O, the power of God's will in us! Beloved, again I say it is impossible for one particle of our will to be in Heaven. It would cease to be Heaven if our will was there. It will be God's will only in Heaven. God has made many Angels which certainly cannot be classed with the born-again sons of God (which have God's will only). That is why the born-again man Cannot Sin; because he has God's will only, and God cannot sin. Such a born-again man in Christendom at the present day is only one out of a thousand of the so-called born-again—all the rest are frauds when they say that they are born again, and have their own will and can commit sin if they like. God proves up to the hilt from His Word that they are LIARS, and the truth is not in them. Many of the so-called leaders in Christendom say: "O, we must have our own will, yes, we must have our own will. Why, we could not get on without our own will—our very own will." Beloved, such teaching

is of the Devil. Now, I want you to understand that I am speaking about the born-again man with God's will only. I am not speaking about sin-fettered Christendom, which is in the Devil's service at the present moment, and has its own will, its very own will; and will have it until it gets to the grave. I say such teaching, that the born-again man must have his own will, and can commit sin, is of the Devil. Well the Devil knows that the born-again has no will but God's will; but his little game is to make so-called born-again preachers believe that they must have their own will, so that he (the Devil) will have something to work upon, for well he knows that it is impossible for him to work upon God's will. The moment that the born-again man has lost his own will, and has no will but God's, he is born again—he has become ONE with God in Christ Jesus, and as it is written: "He that is born of God keepeth himself, and that 'wicked one' toucheth him not." O, to have no will but God's will! Why is Christendom sin-fettered and paralyzed at the present day? Because of its own will going hand-in-hand with the Devil's. Christendom must fight with its own will against the world, flesh, sin, Devil, and self to the bitter end. The born-again man on this side of the grave, with no will but God's, must walk more than conqueror in the beauty of holiness, right into the glory. To have God's will only is to have all power in Christ Jesus. What have we got to do that we may be more than conquerors, walking in the beauty of holiness, born again, ONE with God in Christ

Jesus? Here is the answer: Bury ourselves with our wills, or, in other words, lay ourselves and our wills upon the altar, that we and our wonderful wills may be consumed. Then rise born again a new creation in Christ Jesus with God's will only. Then, and not till then, are we born again on this side of the grave, filled with the Holy Ghost for service and blessing to sin-fettered Christendom, which is in the service of the Devil at the present moment, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (II. Timothy iii. 5). "Not my will, but Thine be done" (Luke xxii. 42).

VII.—The Bride of the Lamb.

THE would-be Christian teachers or philosophers of the present day are making great mistakes in reference to the Bride of the Lamb. Some say that Christendom, the Church, is the Bride, and some would try to make us believe that the born-again, the overcomers, is the Bride. I have just been speaking about four classes in this book in connection with Christendom, and I would not insult my Blessed Lord by saying that any of the four classes is the Bride of the Lamb. Beloved, tell me how can Christendom that has had its dark past wiped out in the Blood of the Lamb, but is still sinning, and must go through the great tribulation, either on this side of the grave or on the other side, if they have not turned their back to sin, and have been sealed with the Holy Ghost, baptised unto the day of redemption—("He that believeth and is baptised with the Holy Ghost shall be saved")—tell me how can such a class be the Bride of the Lamb, when the Bride of the Lamb is sinless, and in their mouth is found no guile, and have never been defiled with woman? They are virgins. Tell me how can the above class, Christendom, be the Bride of the Lamb? Again, others say that the Bride of the Lamb is the true Christians that have been to Calvary with their dark past, and

have turned their back to sin, living that beautiful life that Adam lived before the Fall. Again I say, how can such a class that have been to Calvary getting their dark past wiped out in the Blood of the Lamb, be the Bride, when the Bride of the Lamb is pure from her birth until she ascended up to Heaven? Again, some say that the overcomers is the Bride, which are born again on this side of the grave, with their back turned to the world, flesh, Devil, and self consumed, and now a new creation in Christ Jesus, ready to take part in the first resurrection, and to sit with Christ on His throne, and reign with Him a thousand years. Such is the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. But how can they be the Bride, when they are the only class which are called into the marriage supper of the Lamb, for it is written: "Blessed and holy are they that are called into the marriage supper of the Lamb, and blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection." How can they be the Bride when our Blessed Lord is bringing His Bride with Him? He is not coming for her. For two thousand years our Blessed Lord has been calling out His Bride from many families. Now, you will say, where is the Bride if she is not in any of the above classes? Here is the Bride of the Lamb. You will find her in the Book of Revelations, 14th chapter—"And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads." Now, beloved, the above hundred forty and four thousand have got nothing to do with

the hundred forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the Children of Israel in the 7th chapter. 2, "And I heard a voice from Heaven as the voice of many waters, and a voice of a great thunder : and I heard the voice of harpers harping on their harps." 3, "And they sung as it were a new song before the Throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders : and no man could learn that song but the hundred forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth." 4, "These are they which were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb." 5, "And in their mouth was found no guile : for they were without fault before the Throne of God." Beloved, who are they that make up the beautiful Bride? They are the choice, picked out of many families, beginning at the little gems, the boys and girls, the young men and young women : all whose lives correspond with the above. And it is impossible to find a better Bride in God's Word for our Blessed Lord, and also impossible to find a better Bride in God's creation on this earth. O, what a blessed calling it will be if we are accounted worthy to be called into the marriage supper of the Lamb! There we will see all the gems that were taken from us to make up his Bride and to draw us nearer to Himself, There they will be with outstretched arms to embrace and welcome us to our everlasting home in the Glory. Now, I must give my experience of the above class, the Bride, just

before they were picked out of their earthly home. Beloved, at this point I would like you to know that there are only two classes when they pass from time into eternity that go straight into the Glory, into the presence of the Lord—and these are the BRIDE and the overcomers which were born again on this side of the grave. Christendom is not born again on this side of the grave, it is cleansed in the Blood of the Lamb, and receives the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which seals it until the day of redemption. It is sown a natural body and raised a spiritual body, born again on the resurrection morn. Only those whose life corresponds with the above which are alive on the earth when our Blessed Lord comes, will take part in the first resurrection, which is going on now with all whose lives are in keeping with the above. But dead, sleeping Christendom will not live again until the second resurrection, which is at the end of the thousand years' reign of peace, as it is written: "And the rest of the dead liveth not again until the thousand years are finished" (Revelations xx. 5). "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection" (Revelations xx. 6). Hear what our Blessed Lord says about all in Christendom which have been cleansed in His Blood and sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption—"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Beloved, why is it so blessed to die in the Lord, dead, sleeping,

sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption? Why is it so blessed? Because all that pass from time into eternity not cleansed in the Blood of the Lamb, and not baptized, sealed with the Holy Ghost, are in torment, sealed with the Devil. There are thousands of Christians in the earthly paradise, sealed with the Holy Ghost, sleeping the blessed sleep of the dead; and there are thousands in the grave that have not accepted God's way of salvation. They are in torment, sealed with the Devil; and they would give a thousand worlds to be dead, sleeping like the Christians sealed with the Holy Ghost. O, what a blessed thing it is to be baptized for the dead!

But I must give you my experience with part of the Bride before they pass from the earth into the Glory. One of them I was with for ten weeks, night and day. We had to give him something every hour through the day and every two hours through the night; and one night when I was singing to him that beautiful hymn, "O paradise, O paradise, 'tis weary waiting here; I long to be where Jesus is, to feel to see Him near," his spirit took its flight into the Glory. Then it returned back into its frail body, and he was in an awful state. He said, "What! am I here still? Why, I was away in Heaven. O, open the window and let me away; I cannot stay here." I managed to get him calmed down. Then I said, "Tell me what you saw in Heaven." He said, "I cannot tell you, it was so grand. I saw Jesus, and

He said that He was coming for me to-night." And He came. He passed away into the Glory, without the window being opened. I will tell you more about the above later on.

Here is another case : a bright girl, The Spirit and the Bride say "Come." She, as she was passing away, called the names of everyone in the family. The Spirit and the Bride say "Come, Father ; come, Mother ; come, Mary ; come, James." The bright boy said, "Come first, Mother." O, beloved, the Spirit and the Bride say "Come, come to Jesus!"

Another case : a bright boy lying unconscious. I was called for, and there I saw the bright boy lying with his eyes wide open, feasting on the beautiful sights in the Glory. His mother said, "Do you think that he will get better?" I said, "No, the Lord will take him away ; he is part of the Bride." She said, "O, he was a good boy ; he always carried his little sister to the Sabbath School on his back, and sometimes I said to him, 'The other boys will laugh at you,' and he said, 'Mother, I don't care, I like to take my little sister to the Sabbath School.'" Then the mother said, "O, if he would just look at me, and speak to me again!" Then I left that sad home and prayed that the boy would come back to himself again, and look and speak to his mother. The next day I called at the house, and knocked at the door. The mother came, and with her face filled with joy, she said, "O, come in, he is speaking to me now." I went in and prepared them for the next

change. We had a blessed time of prayer, and speaking about the things of the Kingdom. The mother was so anxious that her dear boy would be spared to stay with her, she said to me, "Do you think he will get better?" I said, "No, the Lord wants him." Then I left that home, and the next time I called back he was with his Blessed Lord in the Glory, and the voice of the Bride was heard in that house. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."

Now, beloved, I must go back to the first case, the bright boy whose spirit was in the Glory, and returned again to his frail body, which grieved him very much when he discovered that he was still upon the earth. In this case alone God has sealed my experience of the true Bride of the Lamb. Now, in this case there are three bright gems—an experience I shall never forget. They remind me of Nathaniel, who was a beautiful type of the Bride. Hear what our Blessed Lord said about him, "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile" (John i. 47). Now for the three Nathaniels. While I was watching the first Nathaniel, a bright boy who was very ill, in steps another Nathaniel, a bright young doctor in his first practise. He had a lovely face, sealed with purity of heart. He examined him that was very ill; then he told me quietly, away from the bedside so that the boy would not hear him, "He will not recover." But the quick ear of the boy heard what he said, and cried, "I don't care if I die. I am going to Heaven anyway." The boy was ill

for ten weeks. The bright young doctor stayed for one half-hour every day. It was a blessed time. Another day, and in steps another Nathaniel, a bright young minister, with a lovely face, beautiful eyes, with a pure heart, no guile. He came day after day, and we had a blessed time of prayer. Time went on, Then the bright boy passed into the Glory. Many that came into that home said that they received much blessing. The bright boy passed into the Glory, and all seemed to be over. But not so. God was determined to reveal to me the true Bride. "The first fruits unto God and to the Lamb, which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth" (Revelations xiv. 4). A week or so after all seemed to be past, the young minister came to me to say good-bye. As he was not feeling well, he thought he would go to South Africa for a change. I said, "The Lord will look after you here." He said that was true, but he would like to go. So we said good-bye, and just two days after he arrived in that far country, away from home and loved ones, he was caught up into the Glory. I fancy I see the meeting with him and the young boy, saying, "What! so soon! why, I left you down yonder a few days ago." But that is not all. The young doctor left that place for another practise. Then he came back to the old place for a holiday. I saw him looking fresh and beautiful. That night the Lord laid His hand on him, Doctors were called in. They said, "O, it is just a chill; he will be all right in a day or two."

But the bright Nathaniel said, "It is no chill; I will not rise from this bed." His father and mother came. They sent for a professor. Everything was done—the street was laid with soft material to keep the noise of the traffic from disturbing him—but all failed. His mother was in great distress, and said, "What can I do for you, my dear boy?" He said, "You can do nothing, mother, but pray." She prayed and he prayed, and he passed into the Glory. I fancy I see the meeting of the three bright gems, and they saying to each other, "Why, just a little ago we were upon the earth, and now here we are in the Glory with our blessed Father and our blessed Lord Jesus!" Beloved, such is the revelation God gave me of the Bride of the Lamb—the first fruits unto God and the Lamb, the very best picked out of many families. One remarkable thing about the three above choice ones was that the bright boy was the only son, the young doctor was the only son, and the young minister was the only son: the first fruits unto God and the Lamb, His pure Bride. It is impossible to find a better Bride for my blessed Lord in the holy Word of God, or in His great creation upon the earth. Our blessed Lord will be coming very soon now, for it is almost impossible for Him to find in any family such as the above pure gems. The great rush of the age is rushing the beautiful, young, pure souls into the frivolity of the world. My blessed Lord's Bride has no cigarette in her mouth. Beloved, just a word in closing this subject, to all that have had bright young souls who have passed into the Glory to make up our



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blessed Lord's beautiful Bride. I would ask you at this point just to keep very quiet, and allow your spiritual ear to listen to that sweet little voice saying, "Come, father, mother ; come, sister, brother, come !" The Spirit and the Bride say "Come," and if you will keep very quiet you will hear a sweet little voice putting a question to Jesus, saying to Him, "Jesus, when are mamma, daddy, sisters, and brothers coming ?" Now, listen for the answer Jesus gives to the little one, "As soon as your mamma, daddy, sisters, and brothers repent, and believe the Gospel, and look away to Calvary, that My blood may cleanse them from all sin, and that I may baptise them with the Holy Ghost, sanctified, and seal them unto the day of redemption, then We will go to meet them." Now you can hear a little voice crying with all its might, "O come, mamma, daddy, sisters, brothers, come, O come to Jesus !" The Spirit and the Bride say "Come." Our blessed Lord is not coming *for* His Bride : He is coming *with* His Bride ; and as it is written, "Blessed and holy are they that are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." Beloved, the marriage supper of the Lamb is our eyes feasting upon our blessed Lord and his lovely, pure Bride. With outstretched arms they will run to meet us, and with kisses they shall greet us. Then Jesus shall present us before our Father's throne with great joy, and we shall be for ever with the Lord and his beautiful Bride, which follows the Lamb whithersoever He goeth (Revelation xiv. 4).

VIII.—The True Baptism.

THE True Baptism is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. All water baptism before Pentecost was a type of the true baptism, which is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. All water baptism after Calvary and Pentecost is a counterfeit of the devil to wipe out Christ's blood, that atones for all sin, and wipes out the true and only baptism which is essential to salvation: the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which is Christ's baptism. As it is written, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire, whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into His garner's; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Matthew iii. 11-12). We may be dipped in a Baptist tank a thousand times in a day, but if we have never been baptized, sanctified, sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption, as sure as there is a Heaven and a Hell we shall pass into that place where there is no rest day and night for all that have not repented, with their backs turned to sin, and have not been baptized, sealed, sanctified with the Holy Ghost, for it is written, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. But he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark xvi. 16). Baptized with water? NO! but with Christ's baptism—the baptism of the Holy Ghost

and fire. Beloved, again I say if we are not baptized with Christ's baptism, the devil will hurl us into hell, where he will not allow us one drop of water to cool our tongue. After reading this book there will be no excuse. Since Pentecost, water baptism has become the devil's counterfeit to wipe out the truth. It gives place to the demons of sectarianism ; it wipes out the spirit of love, peace, and unity. Water always separates. Baptise a hundred water baptist fanatics in a large tank at one time, and you will see the miserable, drenched-looking creatures crawling out of the tank, keeping as far away from each other as they can. No change has taken place in the life, but still possessed with the demon of water baptism.

Now, let us look at a hundred blood-cleansed souls praying for the second blessing, the glorious Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, which clears out the demons that keep us fettered to sin, and which sanctifies us and seals us unto the day of redemption. Look at the change that has taken place in these blood-cleansed souls. They have received the true baptism : their hearts are filled with love, peace, joy. See, there is no separation ; it is all love, unity, embracing one another, and passing the holy kiss with a heart running over with love for every soul. The Heavenly true baptism makes all the difference. I would rather lay hands on a poor drunkard, that he may receive a baptism of the Holy Ghost, and see the great change coming over him, than dip a thousand water-baptist fanatics in a tank, where no change takes place. Many a time I have laid hands

on men under the influence of drink ; the most of them begin to cry like a child that has lost its mother. The last one I laid hands on was a tinker camped outside the town. The moment the hand touched him he cried like a child. I left him, and when I looked back at him he was leaping almost the height of himself with joy. Again I say, I would rather lay hands on a poor drunkard and see a great change, than dip a thousand Baptists where no change takes place. Praise God, the true Baptism can be received without the laying on of hands or dipping in a tank. God has promised to baptize every soul which is filled with the spirit of true repentance, and believes the Gospel. As it is written : "Repent and believe the Gospel, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and to your children, and to *all* that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God will call." Now for the water baptist fanatic arguments for water baptism after Calvary and Pentecost. I know that the Apostles baptized with water after Pentecost ; it is not easy to throw off an old practice. John the water Baptist was the first to throw it off when he said, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire. He must increase, but I must decrease." The baptizing of Jesus with water was John's final touch to his Baptism by water. After that the Lord's disciples took it up until Christ was crucified, and Pentecost was fully come. Now, by faith filled with the spirit of true repentance, we are cleansed in the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, our dark past is wiped out for ever.

The first work of the Holy Ghost is to reprove us of sin until we repent; then by faith our dark past is wiped out in the Blood of the Lamb. The next work is the glorious Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, which clears out the demons that keep us fettered to sin. By faith, with our back turned to sin, we are baptized, sanctified, and sealed unto the day of redemption. The above is fulfilled by faith in the spirit of true repentance, by yielding ourselves under His mighty hand, helpless at the foot of the Cross: there we are buried with Him by baptism into His death. Romans vi. 4-6, "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection." 6, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, [by the spirit] that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." 7, "For he that is dead is freed from sin"—that is, he that has allowed Christ's Baptism of Holy Ghost and fire to consume the old fleshy nature, so that we may be quickened and rise a new creation in Christ Jesus, walking in the beauty of holiness, born again on this side of the grave, with our back turned to the world, flesh, devil, and self dead, and alive unto God.

The above is in connection with the sanctified, sealed unto the day of redemption in the flesh, and it is also in connection with the born-again who are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, for if we are in the flesh, sealed, sanctified unto the day of redemption, we shall die, and be dead sleeping unto the Resurrection morn. But if we are born again on this side of the

grave, filled with the Holy Ghost, with our back turned to the lawful desires of the flesh, we shall never die, or be in a dead sleeping state. We shall go right up into the Glory when we pass from time into eternity. Water, the present day counterfeit of the devil for the above, can never change a man ; it cannot take away the old carnal lustful desires ; it cannot sanctify and seal the natural man in the flesh unto the day of redemption ; it cannot consume the old fleshey nature, and create us anew in Christ Jesus, born again on this side of the grave. Water, after Calvary and Pentecost, can never go hand-in-hand with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. Paul was the first to discover that water Baptism after Pentecost was a counterfeit of the devil. The moment that Paul baptized two parties the demon of sectarianism stepped in, and that moment Paul put his foot upon his neck, and as it is written in Ephesians iv. 5, he cried, "*One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism*" Then John the Baptist, after his final touch upon Jesus with water, said, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. He must increase, but I must decrease." Again, we see Paul standing with a few water Baptists, and saying unto them, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" And they said unto him, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's Baptism." Then said Paul, "John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe in

Him which should come after him : that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. With water? NO! But when Paul laid his hands upon them the Holy Ghost came upon them, which is Christ's baptism, and they spake with tongues and prophesied (Acts xix. 6). And again we hear Paul crying, "By one spirit are we all Baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles" (I. Corinthians xii. 13). Now, beloved, seeing that there is only one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, and that we are all baptized with one spirit into one body, and seeing that God has promised to pour His spirit upon all flesh, all that call upon the name of the Lord, who dare step in with the Devil's counterfeit, water, after Calvary and Pentecost? Again, Paul says he was not sent to baptize, but to preach the Gospel, that all that believe may receive the only and true baptism, which is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. There are two ways that we can receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost : first, by faith, filled with the spirit of true repentance. God pours His spirit upon all such. Next, by the laying on of hands, which can only be done by a man filled with the Holy Ghost ; but to find such a man in Christendom at the present day, we might as well try to find a new comet in the heavens. Our Blessed Lord sent forth a few born-again men filled with the Holy Ghost at the beginning, saying to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

With water? NO! For again our Blessed Lord said to them freely, "Ye have received freely, give." Water? NO! but "the Holy Ghost, who is with you and shall be IN you." And they went forth baptizing all that repented and believed with the only baptism which is essential to salvation. Beloved, only such as the above can preach the Gospel, and pass on the blessing which seals unto the day of redemption: all that will fulfil the conditions that they may enter into the new life in Jesus Christ, born again on this side of the grave, filled with the Holy Ghost, may become true Baptists which baptize only with the Holy Ghost, which may pass through them upon all they may lay hands on which repent and believe the Gospel. Beloved, it would be a poor lookout for all that believe at the present day if they depended upon the spirit-filled men to lay hands upon them; there would be very few baptized, sealed unto the day of redemption. But, praise God, apart from laying on of hands, He has promised to pour out His spirit upon all flesh; all that repent and believe the Gospel He will baptize, sanctify, and seal unto the day of redemption. O, that many in Christendom would fulfil the conditions that they may become true Baptists! What a blessing it would be, not only to Christendom, but to lost souls that are staggering into Hell—unsealed, kicking against God's great salvation and His holy Word, which is Christ and His Gospel. The Holy Ghost man can step in at the last hour, and lay hands upon a blasphemous swearing sceptic on his death bed.

The demons are cast out, the dying sceptic is snatched out of Satan's hands and the jaws of Hell, and sealed unto the day of redemption, all by the laying on of hands in the name of Jesus. I have seen the above done. There was no preaching. All that was said was, "Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life," and the dying sceptic's last words were, "The Lord has been good to us." Water Baptists, when they are called into a case such as the above, are helpless; they are as weak as the water they have been baptized with; they have no power in passing on the true baptism by the laying on of hands. What Water Baptists have got to do is to blow up their water tanks, then fulfil the conditions which entitle them to become true Baptists; then cry to God to fill them with the Holy Ghost to overflowing. that all they lay hands on may be baptized, sealed unto the day of redemption.

In closing this subject, again I say that water baptism, after Calvary and Pentecost, has become the devil's counterfeit to wipe out the Blood that atones for all sin, and to wipe out the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which is the only true baptism that is essential to salvation, and which seals us unto the day of redemption, without which no man shall see the Lord. Well the devil knows that if a soul is not baptized, sealed with the Holy Ghost for the Glory, then it is sealed with his spirit for hell and torment. Beloved, repent and believe the Gospel, and the Holy Ghost will do His great work in your soul.

"All from the Father, all in the Son, all by the Spirit—the Three in ONE!"

IX.—Have ye received the Holy Ghost, since ye Believed ?

BELOVED, there are three aspects in connection with the Holy Ghost, and there are three classes of Christians, and three classes of preachers. Who ever saw a fat preacher, from twelve to eighteen stones in weight, filled with the Holy Ghost ? Such a miracle has never taken place since the beginning of Creation. It is very true what the Word of God says, "It is impossible for corruption to inherit incorruption." Again, our blessed Lord says, "Do men put new wine into old bottles ?" No, never ! The true meaning of the above is that the Holy Ghost will never take possession until the man has come to an end of himself, and is born again a new creation in Christ Jesus. Then, and not till then, will He enter in, after old natural self has been laid upon the altar and consumed. It is written, "God killed the fattest of them ;" but now we are living in the day of grace, and God is merciful, if the fat preachers will only fulfil the conditions, and repent of their besetting sin, which is carrying a few stones of flesh they have no right to carry, and so many starving people in the country ! Some of them remind me of an advertisement I saw lately. The picture was a large fat ox travelling by

rail, with its head out through the waggon, crying to the guard, "I say, guard, am I right for Bovril?" Do men put new wine into old bottles? Never. Why? Because the old bottles would burst. (Mark ii. 22.) If it were possible for the Holy Ghost to enter into a fat preacher, what would be the result? The fat preacher would burst! Again I say as it is written, "Corruption cannot inherit incorruption." The fat preacher and the lean preacher must get into that state of soul and body where they can fulfil Romans xii. 1-2. Then, and not till then, can we claim to be born again, filled with the Holy Ghost. Now for the three aspects of the Holy Ghost in connection with the Kingdom of Christ. First, the Holy Ghost came at Pentecost as a comforter, to guide us unto all truth, and to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment—Of sin "because they believe not in Me." 10, Of righteousness, "because I go to My Father, and ye shall see Me no more." 11, Of judgment, "because the prince of the world is judged." (John xvi. 7-11.) His first great work is to reprove the world of sin. He leads every soul to Calvary, and there in true repentance the soul is cleansed from all sin in the Blood of the Lamb of God, Christ Jesus. The above first work of the Holy Ghost is accomplished by the presence of the Holy Ghost in the world. The next great work of the Holy Ghost after He has led the souls of men to Calvary, and had their dark past wiped out in the Blood of Christ, is to get them to turn their backs to sin for ever, which is impossible without the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Beloved, as I have said before in this book, it is one thing to be cleansed in the Blood of the Lamb from all sin, and still being tripped up in sin, and fettered to the demons of sin, crucifying your blessed Lord afresh, and putting him to an open shame before a gazing world; but it is an entirely different thing to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost that clears out the demons which keep us fettered to sin and sinning. Beloved, the moment we receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the demons take their flight. How are we to know that we have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost? By knowing that we have turned our backs to sin. There is a joy and a peace creeps over our soul that we never had before. We not only know it ourselves, but we cannot help letting every other body know about the change. Such are the first fruits of conversion. To be converted is to turn our backs to sin for ever, and our face to Jesus. Blessed are they that believe and are baptized, sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption, as it is written, "They shall be saved." Beloved, if sin-fettered Christendom only knew the great importance of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, many of them would not rest day and night until they received that glorious baptism which frees them from the demons which keep them fettered to sin. Thousands in Christendom have only tasted the first aspect of the working of the Holy Ghost—they have only arrived at a state of repentance where they can ask the Lord to wipe out their dark past, but are still sinning, cruci-

fyng their blessed Lord afresh, and putting Him to an open shame, saying that they are saved, and still they are fettered to the demons of sin. Again I say if sin-fettered Christendom only knew where they are going to without the baptism of the Holy Ghost, they would cry to God now for the baptism. Why? Because they are going to that place where there is no rest day and night, nothing but torment. Beloved, that moment we turn our backs to sin for ever, in the spirit of true repentance, we receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Such are the conditions we must fulfil before we can be cleansed from all sin, and sealed unto the day of redemption. Why is it that the unbaptized, sealed soul staggers into that place of unrest and torment? First, they have not been filled with the true spirit of repentance, which is to turn our back to sin; next, they are sealed with the demon of sin, which is the devil. "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey: whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness." Just as the devil at the present day has the preachers in the pulpits preaching to the flock sitting under their care, telling them not to worry themselves about sinning, as they cannot be freed from sin here, not until they get to Heaven, so just in the same way he gets them to preach Water Baptism, his counterfeit for the true baptism, for well he knows that the moment any one gets the baptism of the Holy Ghost, he must clear out. Christ's great work is to destroy the works of

the devil, and the devil's great work is to destroy the works of Christ, and to hurl sin-fettered Christendom and all its preachers into that place where there is no rest day and night, but torment. Beloved, whether we believe it or not, the unsealed soul must go through the great tribulation, either on this side of the grave or on the other side. The Lord says to them that keep His Word that He will keep them from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth. (Revelations iii. 10.)

Now, here I must bring to light a passage of Scripture which is baffling sin-fettered Christendom and all its preachers. The Scripture is "BAPTIZED FOR THE DEAD" (I. Corinthians xv. 29). It is this Scripture which proves up to the hilt the great importance of being baptized with the Holy Ghost, sealed unto the day of redemption ("Baptized for the dead"). The answer the present-day preacher gives to prove the above is that it was a custom of the Jews, if anyone should die who had not been baptized, someone had to be baptized for him. Beloved, be not deceived, God is not mocked. The above answer has got nothing to do with the baptism which Paul is speaking of. The baptism that Paul is referring to is in Ephesians iv. 5. "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;" and in I. Corinthians xii. 13, "For by one spirit are we all baptized unto one body." Now, beloved, you see water baptism is a thing of the past, but now used by the devil as a counterfeit to wipe .

out the true, lest any one should be baptized for the dead with the true baptism—Christ's baptism, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which seals us dead asleed unto the day of redemption, when we shall be raised with our spiritual glorified body. Why is it so blessed to be baptized for the dead asleep, sealed from sin and that awful dying, tormented in the grave, which all suffer that are baptized with the devil's counterfeit, water, and not with the true, which is the Holy Ghost? Why is it that our blessed Lord says, "Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Beloved, the reason why it is so blessed to be baptized with the Holy Ghost for the dead, sealed asleep unto the day of redemption, is that all that have not received the true baptism of the Holy Ghost pass from time into eternity sealed by the devil, and they are never dead asleep, but alive in a dying tormented state—no rest day and night. They would give a thousand worlds to be baptized with the true baptism, which is the Holy Ghost, that seals them in a dead, sleeping, peaceful state ("Baptized for the dead"). "Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord" (Revel. xiv. 13).

O, to be baptised for the dead, sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption! Such should be the cry of Christendom, that it may be dead in the Lord, in the earthly paradise, which is the grave. It is not the place that makes it paradise: it

is the state. There they shall hear His voice on that blessed Resurrection morn. They shall be born again in one day, and shall ascend with their spiritual, glorified, Holy Ghost sealed bodies into the Glory, to be for ever with the Lord. But all that are fettered to sin, and are sealed with the devil, which is the demon of sin, death, hell, and torment : all that pass into the grave sealed with the devil and sin, shall be in that awful state of unrest and torment for at least one thousand years ; and if they will not repent at the end, they, with the world and the devils, shall be cast into the great lake of everlasting fire, which is the second death. The first death in torment is in connection with the natural body. The second death in everlasting torment in the lake of everlasting fire is in connection with the spiritual body. At the beginning of creation the soul is clothed with a natural body ; and when the natural body is wiped out because of sin, the soul shall be clothed with a spiritual body. As it is written, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God" (I. Corinthians xv. 50). Neither can flesh and blood inherit the lake of everlasting fire. We must be changed, born again, as it is written, "We are sown a natural body, and raised a spiritual body" (I. Corinthians xv. 44). Again as it is written (John v. 28-29), "Marvel not at this ; for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the grave shall hear His voice." 29, "And shall come forth : they that have done good unto the resurrection of life [all that are sealed with the Holy

Ghost unto the day of redemption]; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation" [all that are sealed with the devil unto the day of damnation]. Beloved, we may as well expect to get into Heaven with the devil on our back as expect to get in with one little sin upon our soul, for it is written, Revelations xxi. 27, "There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a LIE; but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." What is the Lamb's Book of Life? Christ is the Book of Life, and to have our name written in His Life we must repent and believe the Gospel, that our dark past may be wiped out in the Blood of the Lamb, and that we may be baptized, sanctified, and sealed by the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption. Such is the Book of Life: His Blood and His Spirit, and such is His way in writing our name in His Book of Life. There is no excuse, for all provision has been made, not only to wipe out our dark past in His Blood, but He came to destroy the works of the devil in us, that we may be freed from the power of sin, and that we may stand more than conquerors over sin, to His praise and glory. The preachers, or any one that will try to make you believe that we cannot be freed from sin here, not until we get to Heaven, are LIARS, and the truth is not in them. They are the servants of the devil, and the enemies of Christ, for it is written, "He that commiteth sin is of the devil!" (I. John iii. 8).

The next class are a very special class—they don't belong to that class of so-called Christians who are going about with the devil's favourite Scripture hanging round **their** necks, and who are singing and preaching it. You will find it in 1. John i. 8, "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Such a testimony from the lips of thousands in so-called Christendom proves up to the hilt that they have never been under the Blood which cleanseth us from ALL SIN, and further proves that they are the servants of the devil, for it is written, "He that commiteth sin is of the devil." Now, the special class that I am writing about certainly have got nothing to do with the above so-called Christians, the sin-fettered class. The special class are in that class which are baptized for the dead, sanctified, sinless, perfect, walking on the earth with their soul filled with joy, peace, and love; and thousands have passed into the earthly paradise who are dead in the Lord, asleep, waiting the Resurrection morn. The special class are in the above class. They are very few: one in a thousand. They, looking into God's Word, see a life above the sanctified, sinless, perfect, baptized for the dead state, waiting for the Resurrection morn at the end of time. The life they find in the Word of God is a life which they can enter into here on this side of the grave—which is the born-again life on this side of the grave, a life which is a new creation in CHRIST JESUS. Beloved, to be baptized for the dead, sown a natural body and

raised a spiritual, born again on the Resurrection morn at the end of time, is one thing; but to fulfil the conditions here that we may be born again on this side of the grave, is an entirely different thing. There are thousands in Christendom going about saying they are born again, and they are still in the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh, and many still fettered to sin. The following are the conditions the special class must fulfil before they can say truly they are born again on this side of the grave, for Christendom will not be born again until it is baptized for the dead, sinless, sanctified, sown a natural body and raised a spiritual body at the Resurrection. Then, and not till then, will Christendom be able to say truly it is born again. Beloved, to be saved from sin—converted, with our back turned to sin for ever, and with our face turned to Jesus, back to the state where Adam was before the Fall, still in the flesh—is one thing; but to be born again on this side of the grave is an entirely different thing. Beloved, before we can enter into this special class, born again, filled with the Holy Ghost, we must turn our back to sin, the world, flesh, devil, and SELF—we must fulfil Romans xii. 1-2, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." 2, "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Such are

the conditions that must be fulfilled by all who are determined to be born again on this side of the grave, filled with the Holy Ghost, for it is only such that can be filled with the Holy Ghost. This is the third aspect of the Holy Ghost. He will not enter into a soul until it fulfils the above conditions.

After the above conditions are fulfilled, the life must be in keeping with Romans vi. 6, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed," and again, it must be in keeping with I. John v. 18, "He that is born of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." And again his life must be in keeping with I. John iii. 9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him, and he CANNOT sin because he is born of God." Again, his life must be in keeping with Matthew xix. 12, "He has made himself an eunuch for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake." His seed remaineth in him, he walks no longer after the flesh but after the spirit (Romans viii. 1). Beloved, all the sanctified, sinless, perfect Christians in Christendom who are still in the flesh walking after the flesh (that is, fulfilling the lawful desires of the flesh), are baptized for the dead; they must die. Why? Because they are still in the flesh. They must be sown a natural body and raised a spiritual body to God's praise and glory, born again at the last day, as it is written, "Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth" (Revelations xiv. 13). But the man that is born again on this side of the grave, and his life in keeping

with the above Scriptures, will never go to the earthly paradise baptized for the dead, which is blessed. His body may be laid in the dust, but he himself shall take his flight into the Heavenly Paradise. Should the Lord tarry, the following are the promises for all such that will fulfil the conditions. First, he will be called blessed and holy, and shall take part in the first Resurrection if he is on the earth when our blessed Lord comes; if not, then he will come with the Lord—he shall sit with Christ on His throne (Revelations iii. 21), and he shall reign with Christ a thousand years (Revelations xx. 6). But the rest of the dead live not again until the thousand years are finished, that is, all that have been baptized for the dead, shall take part in the Resurrection at the end of the thousand years. The unsaved who are fettered to sin are baptized with the devil, sealed with the demon of death, torment, and in a dying state. As I have said before in this book, they would give a thousand worlds to be baptized with the Holy Ghost for the dead. O, to be dead asleep until the Resurrection morn!

Matthew xvi. 24-28, "Then our blessed Lord said unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." 25, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it." 27, "For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works." Beloved, the next verse (28) is baffling the preachers

of the present day. 28, "Verily, I say unto you, there be some standing here which shall not taste of death till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom."

Here is the answer the Christian philosophers at the present day give for the above: they say the Holy Ghost coming at Pentecost is the answer. Beloved, such an answer is a LIE against truth. The Holy Ghost coming at Pentecost is not JESUS coming in His Kingdom (27) in the glory of His Father with His holy angels. Why is it that the preachers of the present day are twisting God's truth into a LIE? Because they are natural, they are still in the flesh, they are not in the spirit, they are not born again, like these true disciples in the 28th verse, who have left all and followed Jesus: *they* turned their back to the world, the flesh, the devil, and self by presenting their body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God; and Jesus said all such shall not taste of death till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom. And these disciples that Jesus said would not taste of death till they saw Him coming in His Kingdom are still alive, and have been for two thousand years waiting to come with Him in His Kingdom. Many of them had their body killed by cruel hands, but it was impossible for them to kill the soul, as it is written, Matthew x. 28, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul." Now, where are these faithful overcomers who are still alive, and have been for two thousand years? Beloved, if you will turn to the

Book of Revelations vi. 9-11, there you will find them still alive, waiting to come with Christ in His Kingdom. Revelations vi. 9-11, "And when He had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held." 10, "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth." 11, "And white robes were given unto every one of them ; and it was said unto them that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." Beloved, the killing of the body is not death to the born-again man in Christ Jesus. The moment the body is killed the soul enters into a fuller life in the Glory : it is not so with the sinless man in the flesh. He is baptized for the dead, sealed unto the day of redemption by the Holy Ghost.

But there was another class standing by our blessed Lord when He said, "There be some standing here which shall not taste of death till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom." and that class was the true Bride of the Lamb which you will find in the 14th Chapter of Revelations. The Bride of the Lamb never tastes of death. When they leave the earthly body they go into the Glory. Death cannot touch them (Revelations xiv. 4). These are they which were not defiled with women, for they are virgins ; these are they which follow the Lamb wheresoever He goeth. These were redeemed from

among men, being the first fruits unto God and the Lamb : the blessed Bride which comes with the Lord, which follow the Lamb wheresoever He goeth. Such is the state of all that will not taste of death. As it is written, " Blessed are they which are called into the marriage supper of the Lamb " (Revelations xix. 9). Certainly it will not be sin-fettered Christendom, with all its false teachers, who are in the service of the devil kicking against God's truth by saying that we cannot be sinless, perfect, here—not until we get to Heaven.

The following is a touch of the power which can be exercised in the name of Jesus and power of the Holy Ghost through all which have fulfilled the conditions for the born-again life in Christ Jesus on this side of the grave—all that have won the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus on this side of the grave, filled with the Holy Ghost, for it is only such that can be filled with the Holy Ghost—all that have turned their back to the world, flesh, devil, and self, dead, crucified with Christ, and risen with Him, born again, walking in the beauty of holiness, to God's praise and glory, and for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake. The following are three touches of power with wonderful, instantaneous effect in my own experience, in the name of Jesus and power of the Holy Ghost. I will pass them on to God's praise and glory, and that they may be a blessing and encouragement to others that are determined to go in for the highest and best that can be attained to on this side of the grave, not for their own sake only, but

for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake, and to God's praise and glory. Ephesians vi. 12, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual wickedness in high places." The first touch is power in prayer, which the devil has put into the mouth of sin-fettered Christendom at the present day. The cry is PRAY, PRAY, PRAY for a revival. Beloved, I believe in prayer with all my heart, but the above cry is of the devil—it is his counterfeit for REPENT, REPENT, REPENT, sin-fettered Christendom, REPENT, and believe the Gospel. First seek ye the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, with your back turned to sin for ever, then will our prayers be answered. Well the devil knows that the prayers of sin-fettered Christendom are never heard, and his counterfeit for repentance is pray for a lost world when they themselves are on their way to HELL, fettered to sin in the devil's service. For all that are fettered to sin are the servants of the devil. Romans vi. 16, "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey ; whither of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness." Now for the three touches of power in the Holy Ghost. The three touches are against wicked spirits. At one of the meetings at Keswick Convention last year (1906), at the beginning of the week the Holy Ghost seemed to have the first part of the meeting. In the next part of the meeting in stepped the devil with his counterfeit in the person of F. B. Meyer, who seemed to be determined to be the top man at the Convention.

He wiped out much of the blessing that was passed on in the first half of the meeting. His great work was to make the people believe that he was the only man worth listening to. The impression that I had of the meeting was that the great Judgment Day had come, and the devil, in the person of F. B. Meyer, was on the throne trying to get the people to stand up and confess their sins. He managed to get a few to stand up and confess their sins, and he finished up by telling them that they had to go and pay their debts. I was much troubled in spirit at such a state of things, knowing that every meeting he took part in would be fruitless. So I went to my room and prayed that he would be wiped out, paralyzed, and from that moment he had no rest day and night. He was wiped out. The following is proof of the answer to prayer. On the Thursday, at the ministers' meeting in the large tent, before a thousand ministers, he (F. B. Meyer), at the beginning of the meeting, rising to his feet, said, "I have something to say, but I don't want it to appear in the papers. I have had no rest day and night this week. I had to get up early this morning and go to the foot of these mountains, and I must confess that I have been wiped out. I came from London expecting to be top man at the Convention, but I have been wiped out." He said someone had taken his place, and he finished up his confession by proving up to the hilt that he was still the servant of the devil. He said he did not believe that the old man (that is old, wonderful self) could be crucified, freed from sin on this side

of the grave. So he returned to London still in the service of the devil. Beloved, Christ's work is not only to wipe out our dark past in His Blood, but to make us more than conquerors over sin. Many Keswick teachers hold forth F. B. Meyer's teaching, which is a blasphemous lie against God's truth. All that say we cannot be sinless here are blasphemous liars against the Gospel, and the enemies of the Cross of Christ, and the servants of the devil, and religious frauds.

The next touch of power in the name of Jesus, and by the Holy Ghost. Another preacher. This one was put into the hands of Satan for the removal of much flesh and self. This one believed every word in God's Book, and made no attempt to twist it into a lie. It is impossible for me to put F. B. Meyer and all such teachers into the hands of Satan. Why? Because they are in the hands and service of Satan at this moment, and will be until they repent. Now, this preacher had too much flesh and self, and he played the hypocrite against a mission I was taking part in. I prayed to God asking what had to be done with this man who was kicking against the mission? The Lord said, "Satan hath desired to have him, that he may sift him as wheat." So that night after the meeting I said to him, "You have played the hypocrite, and I have prayed to God asking Him what has to be done with the man who kicks against the mission, and He says that Satan will sift him as wheat. But I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." And

he said, "Have you prayed that my faith fail not?" And I said, "Yes, I have." And from that moment Satan took possession of him, and he lost much flesh and much of self. He had no rest day and night for two or three weeks. The sifting was so serious that he was going to do something desperate, and in his despair he went to one of the leading ministers in the town to see if something could be done, for he was at the point of doing something desperate. The poor minister could do nothing for him, for he himself had just gone through a similar sifting for telling a lie in the pulpit. All he could do was to send his assistant to see if I could relieve the preacher, as he was going to do something desperate. So that night after the meeting was closed, there he was standing at the door with pale face, and many pounds of flesh had disappeared and much of self. Taking him by the hand, I said, "The contest is over; the Lord bless you!" And he said, "Do you know this, if you had not come and taken me by the hand, I would have done something desperate." But I said to him that he could not do anything desperate. Then he said, "Why?" "Because I prayed for thee that your faith fail not." And he went on his way rejoicing, relieved of much flesh and self.

The next touch of power in the name of Jesus by the Holy Ghost was exercised upon a dying sceptic, who was swearing on his death-bed, and in great distress. I received a telegram asking me to go and see the sceptic swearing on his death-bed. I was

thirty miles from the place, and on the way going I prayed asking the Lord what I should say to the sceptic. The answer was, "No argument, no preaching; but, in the name of Jesus, lay hands on him that the demons may take their leave from him, and that he may be baptized, sealed unto the day of redemption. Freely ye have received, freely give." Water? No; the baptism of the Holy Ghost. So I entered the house, and there he was in great distress. I said, "Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!" I laid my hands on him, and at that moment the demons took their flight. The change was so great that all standing by said, "What a change! Where is all the distress and swearing now?" The laying on of the hands, and the above Scripture, "Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life," changed the sceptic completely. A great calm and peace seemed to creep over his soul, and, like the dying thief on the Cross, he was sealed at the last hour, and closing his eyes, his dying words were, "The Omnipotent knoweth my need; the Lord has been good to us!"

Beloved, such is the power that can be exercised through all who will fulfil the conditions that they may be born again on this side of the grave, filled with the Holy Ghost, and having won the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

The preachers that say that we cannot be sinless, perfect, righteous, holy, here on this side of the grave are **BLASPHEMOUS LIARS** against God's truth and Christ's great work, which is not only to wipe out our dark past in His Blood, but to destroy the works

of the devil in us, that we may stand sinless, perfect, righteous, and sanctified, blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. All that kick against the above truth are the servants of the devil, and certainly the enemies of Christ and His great work, which is to destroy the works of the devil, that we may be sinless, and that He may take us up into the Glory, and present us before His Father's Throne without spot and with great joy. Beloved, repent and believe the Gospel, with your back turned to sin for ever, for it is written, "There shall in no wise enter into Heaven anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, the Blood cleansed, the sinless, the sanctified, all that are baptized, sealed with the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption" (which are our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life). **THE BLOOD IS THE INK, THE HOLY GHOST IS THE PEN, AND CHRIST JESUS IS THE BOOK OF LIFE.** Blessed are they that are written in the Lamb's Book of Life!

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Beloved, it is written, "If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off and cast it from thee, for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into Hell" (Matthew v. 30). Beloved, the following is the true meaning of the above:—If we are fettered to one little sin, it is profitable for us to turn our back to it for ever, and enter into life, that we may not be cast into death and hell with it for ever. Again it is written, "Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. xx. 15). The Book of Death is Sin; the Book of Life is Sinlessness. O, to be baptized with the Holy Ghost, sealed unto the day of redemption, freed from sin!

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The following Scripture will prove to every man his state and relation to the Kingdom of God :—

I. JOHN iii. 6-10 :

6, "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not. Whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither know Him."

7, "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous."

8, "He that commiteth sin is of the devil, for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him, and he CANNOT SIN, because he is born of God."

10, "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil."

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"Fear not, little flock," said the Saviour Divine,
"The Father hath willed that the Kingdom be thine.
O, soil not your garments with sin here below,
My sheep and My lambs must be whiter than snow."
Far whiter than snow, and as fair as the day,
For Christ is the Fountain to wash sin away.
O, give Him, poor sinner, that burden of thine,
And enter the Fold with the ninety-and-nine !

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"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John iii. 16).

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all ! Amen !

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