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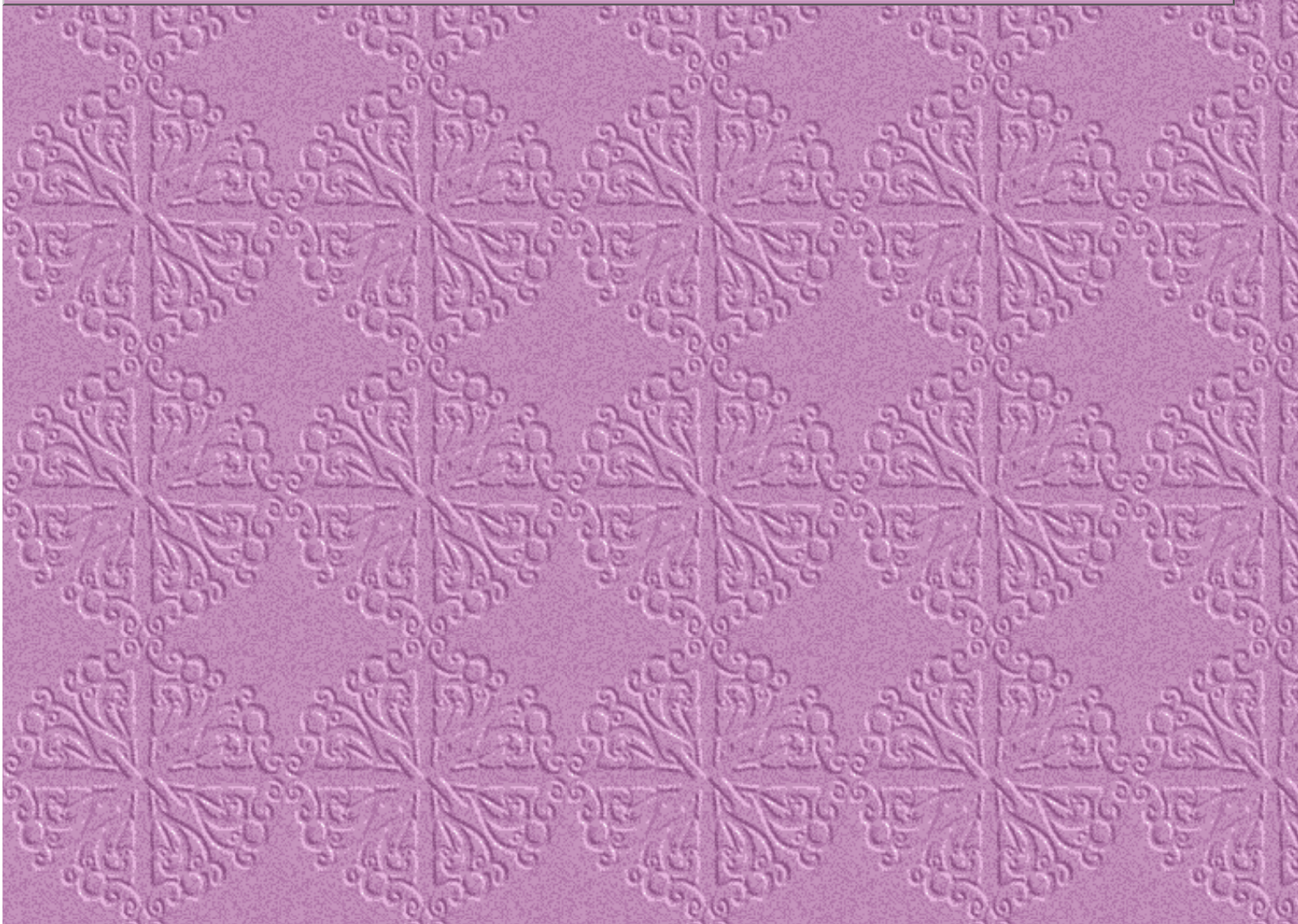
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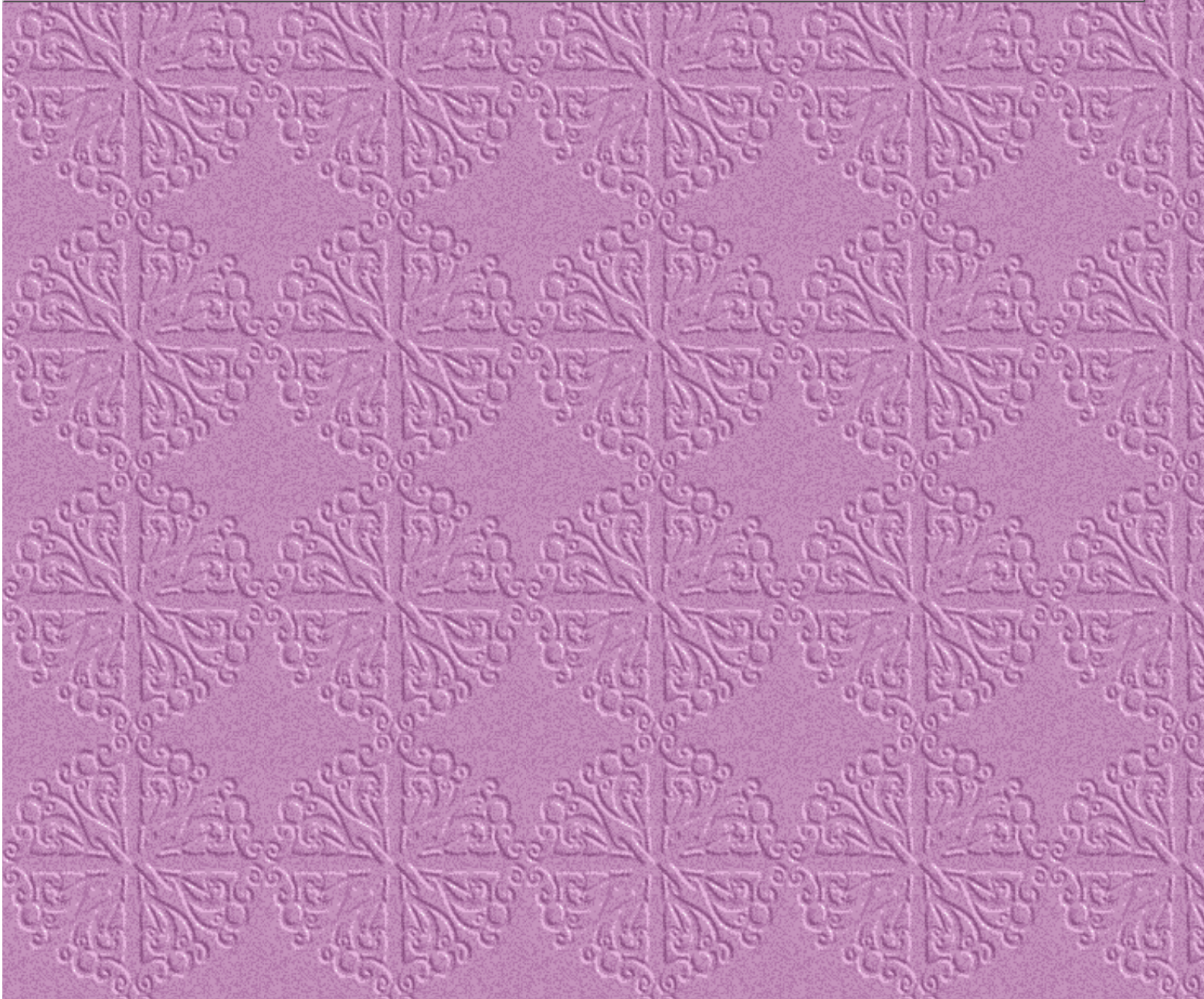
Preface

In compiling this book of Bible Readings I feel that I am contributing a valuable document to the Holiness movement.

I have not burdened the reader with any personal observations, but have, instead, left him alone with the Word of God. I send this book forth with a prayer that it may do the good intended. I am indebted to Mrs. F. F. Boothby of Elliott, N. Dakota; Mrs. V. A. Spiecker of Walhalla, N. Dakota, and to my wife, Mrs. Clara Danford, and to one of the contributors to the "Revivalist," some years ago, for valuable suggestions and assistance in the compilation.

Fraternally,

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Introduction

This little book is designed to guide the student in a study of what the Bible teaches about Holiness or Entire Sanctification.

You will find that the Bible gives great prominence to the doctrine and practice of Holiness, and every Christian should at once become a seeker for "The Fullness of the Blessing of the Gospel of Christ."

Bishop Foster, in his book on "Christian Purity" -- (In the course of study for Methodist preachers) -- says: It breathes in the prophecy, thunders "in the law, murmurs in the narrative, whispers in the promises, supplicates in the prayers, sparkles in the poetry, resounds in the songs, speaks in the types, glows in the imagery, voices in the language, and burns in the spirit of the whole scheme, from the Alpha to the Omega, from its beginning to its end. Holiness! holiness needed, holiness a present duty, a present privilege, a present enjoyment, is the progress and completeness of the Bible's wondrous theme!

The Methodist Discipline says: 'Let us strongly and closely insist upon inward and outward holiness in all its branches.'

John Wesley says: "Where this doctrine is faithfully preached, all the cause of God prospers."

Dr. Adam Clark says: "If Methodism gives up preaching entire sanctification, they will soon lose their glory."

The Epworth League pledge reads: "I will earnestly seek for myself, and do what I can to help others attain the highest New Testament standard of experience and life."

"We have gathered these Bible references from Methodist sources. They are in harmony with Wesley's "Plain Account of Christian Perfection," and the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and we believe will aid students in finding the "Pearl of Great Price."

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

We offer this book to the brethren and sisters with whom we labor, hoping and praying that we may contribute something toward a more careful reading of God's Word, and we commend it to you with the Apostle's prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:23): "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Yours In The "Fullness of the Blessing,"
Samuel Alexander Danford,
Clara Patterson Danford,
Jamestown, North Dakota,
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Chapter 1

INBRED SIN

Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

Job 14:4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

Genesis 6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Job 15:14 What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

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Chapter 2

REMAINS OF INBRED SIN IN BELIEVERS

Romans 7:17, 20-23 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

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Chapter 3

GOD CONVICTS FOR ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION OR THE ERADICATION OF INBRED SIN

Daniel 10:8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

Job 13:5-6 O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom. 6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

Isaiah 6:5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Luke 5:8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

Romans 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Psalms 51:1-10 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

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Chapter 4

IDENTITY OF ENTIRE CLEANSING AND THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT

Acts 15:8-9 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; 9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

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Chapter 5

WHY SHOULD WE BE SANCTIFIED?

A. -- God Wills It.

Romans 12:1-2 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.

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Ephesians 5:17-18 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

Hebrews 10:9-10 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

B. -- God Commands It.

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Exodus 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Leviticus 11:44-45 For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 45 For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 21:37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

James 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

1 Peter 1:15-16 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

C. -- God Promised It.

Deuteronomy 30:6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Psalms 119:1-3 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. 2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. 3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Isaiah 1:25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:

Jeremiah 33:8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

Ezekiel 36:25, 29, 33 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. 33 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.

Hosea 2:19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

Joel 2:28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Malachi 3:1-3 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. 2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: 3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Mark 1:8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Luke 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

Luke 11:9-13 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Acts 1:4-5 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

D. The Blessing Is Made The Subject Of Inspired Prayer.

Genesis 32:26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

2 Kings 2:9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

Psalms 2:2, 7 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Matthew 6:10, 13 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 17:17-23 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. 21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. 22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: 23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

Ephesians 3:14-19 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

E. -- It Is Provided For In The Atonement.

Psalms 130:7-8 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. 8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Romans 8:3-4 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:7-8 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for

it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Hebrews 9:13-14 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 John 3:8 He that committeth 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.

F. -- It Is A Necessary Preparation For Heaven.

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Colossians 1:21-22 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

1 Thessalonians 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Revelation 3:4-5 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 21:27 And 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.

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Chapter 6

THE JUSTIFIED ARE CANDIDATES FOR SANCTIFICATION

Deuteronomy 6:23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

John 14:15-17 If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Romans 8:28-29 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Romans 12:1 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.

1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

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Chapter 7

HOW WE ARE SANCTIFIED

A. -- By Christ's Blood.

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 10:14-19 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. 15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. 19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Hebrews 12:12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: 21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Revelation 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

B. -- By God's Word.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

C. By The Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

1 Peter 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

D. -- By Our Will.

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

John 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

1 John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Romans 12:1 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.

Romans 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

Romans 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Philippians 2:12-13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

E. -- By Faith.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Acts 11:17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

Acts 26:17-18 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Galatians 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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Chapter 8

WHEN WE ARE SANCTIFIED

A. -- In This Present Life.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Luke 1:69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; 72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; 73 The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, 74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

1 John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

B. -- Instantaneously.

Leviticus 16:30 For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

Deuteronomy 9:1 Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,

Deuteronomy 12:9-10 For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you. 10 But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit...

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Isaiah 6:6-7 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 9:17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:2 He said 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.

2 Corinthians 1:15 And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit;

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Colossians 1:9-10 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

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Chapter 9

THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HOLINESS

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

Acts 15:8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

2 Corinthians 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Hebrews 10:14-15 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. 15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

1 John 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

1 John 4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

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Chapter 10

ERRORS RESPECTING ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

A. -- That it cannot take place till death. Refutation: See References under Topic 07 -- A.

B. -- That it is by works, and not by the blood of Christ applied by the Holy Ghost through faith. Refutation:

Acts 15:9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Also References under Topic 07 -- A.

C. -- That it is identical with the new birth. Refutation:

John 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

D. -- That original or inbred sin in a believer can be imperceptibly outgrown without a conscious operation of the Holy Spirit. Refuted by references under Topic 07.

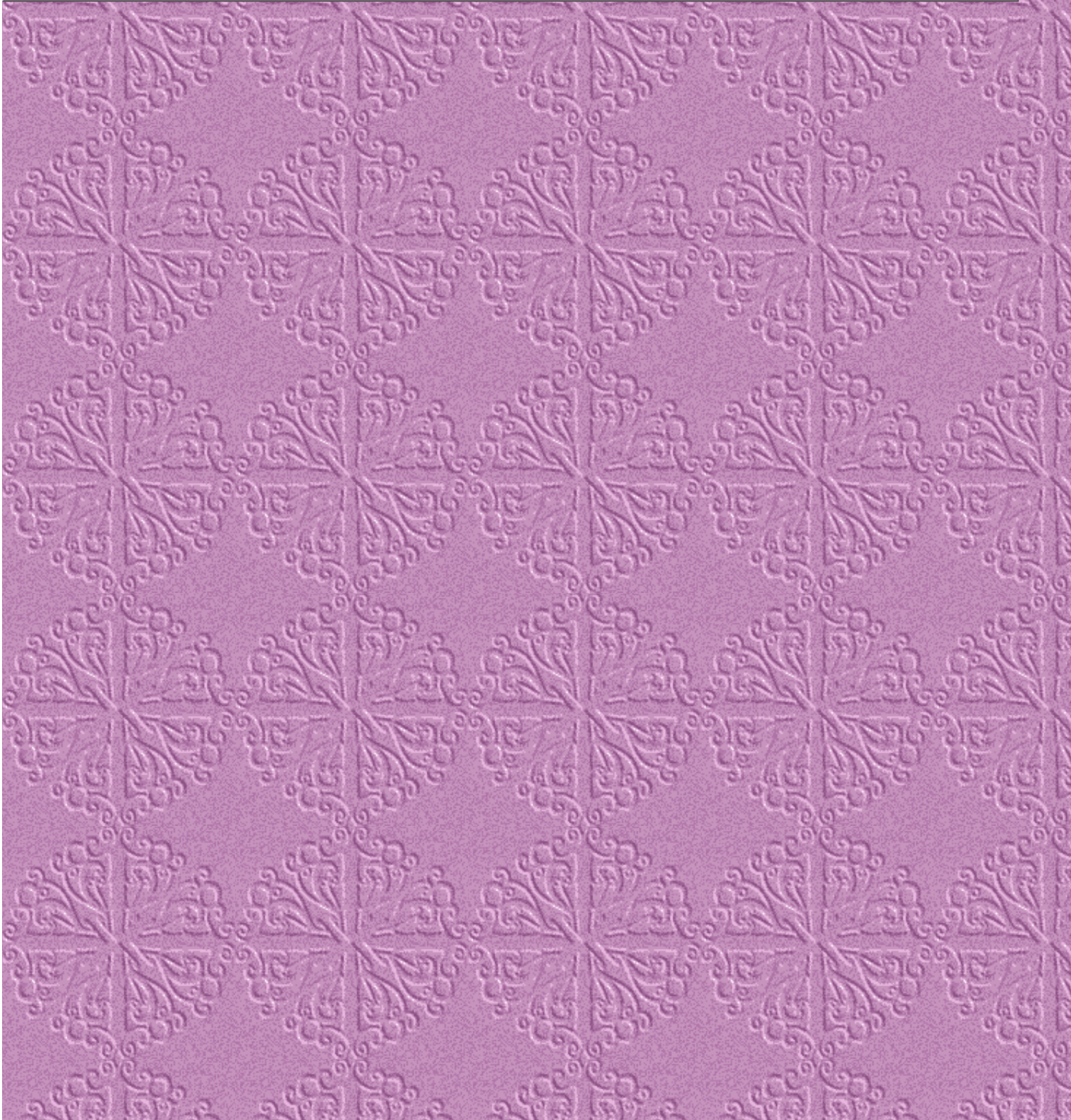
Also see B. above -- by the identity of entire cleansing with the "baptism of the Spirit," which is always given instantaneously. See Topic 04.

E. -- That entire sanctification can never be certified by the consciousness, because the soul's nature lies below it gaze, and that it cannot be attested by the Sanctifier Himself, because he is the Witness of Adoption. Refutation:

2 Corinthians 2:11-12 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. 12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

1 John 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.



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Chapter 11

ALL THINGS OF THE BIBLE

Psalms 57:2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Mark 7:37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Acts 13:39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 3:21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

1 Corinthians 13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

2 Corinthians 4:14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 6:10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing,

and yet possessing all things.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Ephesians 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Ephesians 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

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Chapter 12

CHRIST'S SHALL BE'S

Matthew 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Matthew 9:29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

Matthew 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Confess Christ and ye shall be confessed -- Matthew 10:32 (This is not the exact wording in Matthew 10:32. -- DVM)

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Mark 4:25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

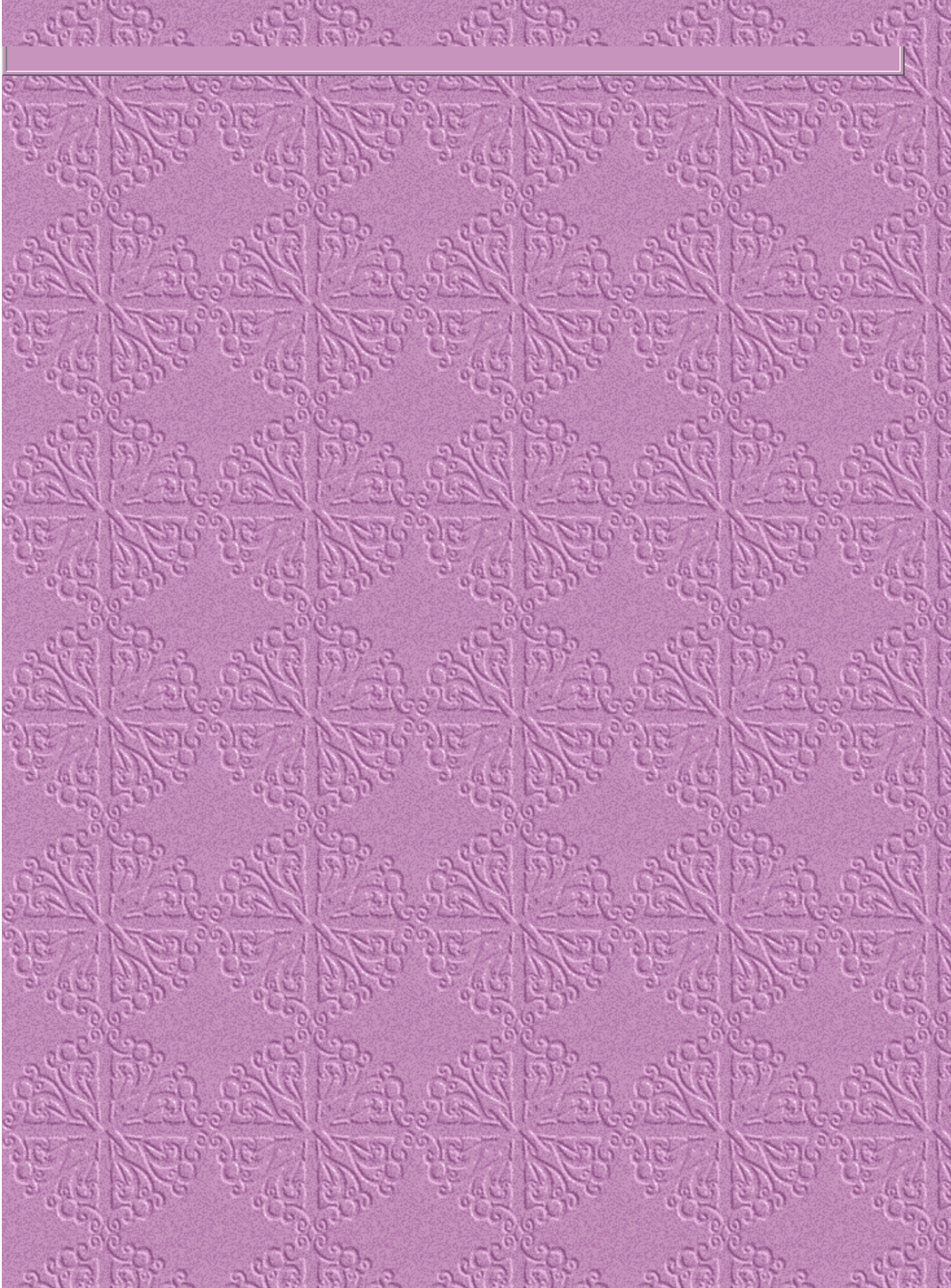
Luke 6:35-36 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.
36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Luke 9:48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

John 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Acts 11:16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.



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Chapter 13

THE SOUL'S CRY AND THE SAVIOUR'S ANSWER

Psalms 30:10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

Isaiah 41:13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Psalms 31:9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

Psalms 50:15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Psalms 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Matthew 8:3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean.

Psalms 141:3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Exodus 4:12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

Luke 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Acts 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Job 23:3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!

Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Job 40:4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee?

Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Ezekiel 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Psalms 6:6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my

tears.

Psalms 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Psalms 27:9 Leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Hebrews 13:5 I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

2 Corinthians 2:16 Who is sufficient for these things?

2 Corinthians 12:9 My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Psalms 42:2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

Isaiah 33:17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty.

Psalms 130:6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Isaiah 40:31: They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength.

Psalms 55:4: The terrors of death are fallen upon me.

John 11:25: He that believeth on Me though he were dead, yet shall he live.

Revelation 22:20: Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20: Surely, I come quickly.

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Chapter 14

HE LORD IS THY KEEPER -- Psalms 121:5.

What does He keep? The soul committed to Him. 1 Peter 4:19. Your hearts and minds, Philippians 4:7. The feet of His saints. I Samuel 2:9. That which I have committed to Him. 2 Timothy 1:12. Does not this Include everything?

From what does He keep? From evil. John 17:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:3. From temptation. Revelation 5:10. From failing. Jude 24. From strife of tongues Psalms 31:20.

How does He keep? "By the power of God." 1 Peter 1:5. "All power is given Me in heaven and in earth." Matthew 28:18. Keeps "through His own name." John 17:11. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and are safe" (margin, age set aloft). Proverbs 18:10. Keeps "as a shepherd doth his flock." Jeremiah 31:10. (With watchfulness). "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall ANY pluck them, out of My hand." John 10:27, 28. (How safe!) Keeps "as the apple of His eye." Deuteronomy 31:10. Could any words more fully express ,the tenderness of the "keeping"? "Keep ME as the apple of Thine eye, hide me under the shadow of Thy Wings." Psalms 17:8.

Where does He keep? "In His pavilion." Psalms 31:19, 20; 27:5. What is a pavilion? It is the tent of the commander-in-chief of an army. It is erected in the midst of an army for his protection. How secure a person would feel "hid" and "kept" there by the commander! Would he not rejoice in the consciousness of his being "ABLE to keep? Is not Jesus Christ God's pavilion? "Your life is hid with Christ In God." Colossians. 3:3. Yes; surely Jesus Christ is in the "midst" from first to last." In the burning bush. Exodus 3:4. In the camp of Israel's army. Numbers 21:17. In the fiery furnace. Daniel 3:26. In the Church. Psalms 46:5. Churches. Revelation 1:13. In the Trinity -- Father, Son and Holy Ghost. With His disciples. John 20:19. Where two or three meet in His name. Matthew 18:20. On the cross. John 19:18. On the throne. Revelation 7:17.

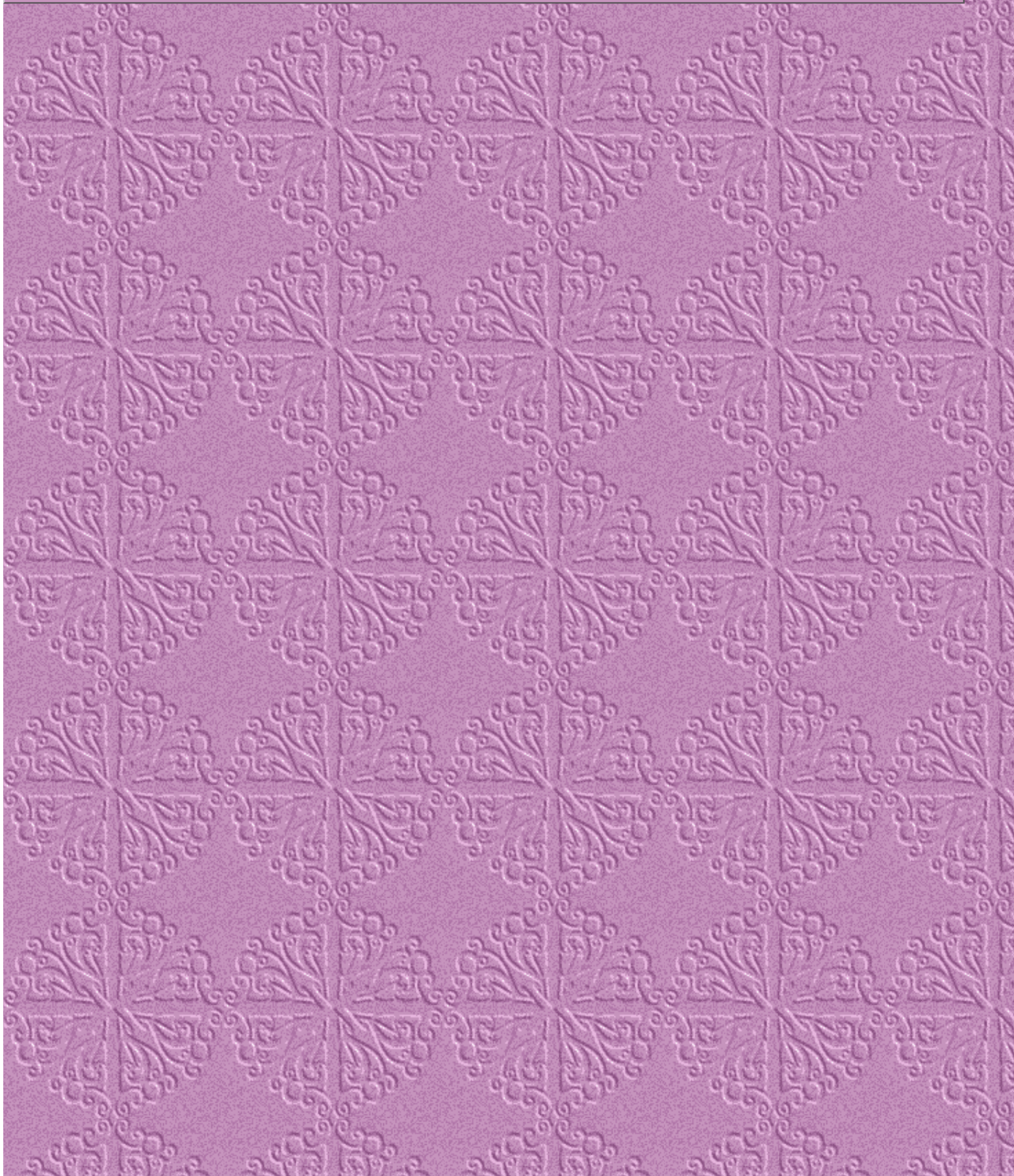
Whom does He keep? All those who will trust Him to do it. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is STAYED on Thee; BECAUSE he TRUSTETH in Thee." Isaiah 26:3. "Be careful for nothing ("Cast all your care upon Him." 1 Peter 5:7) . . . and the peace of God that passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus." Philippians. 4:7. "Kept by the power of God, through faith." 1 Peter 1:5.

Shall we let Him keep us? "He that hath received His testimony hath set to his seal that God is true." John 3:33. Yes; my heart is filled with praise because I have received His testimony, and do find, and declare, "God is true." He not only keeps me resting in His love, but keeps "that which" I have committed to Him. "I know whom I have believed." He lets me bring everything to Him, and I let Him keep all. Oh, how blessedly He keeps in trial's! Yes; there I find the promise fulfilled, "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also WILL DO IT" (1 Thessalonians 5:24), and hear Him say when the "thorn" presses deep into my head, "My grace is sufficient for THEY.: for my strength Is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9.

He is able, He is willing, He does keep. Blessed be His name forevermore.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe from corroding care;
Safe from the world's temptations,
Sin cannot harm me there.

"Free from the blight of sorrow,
Free from my doubts and fears;
Only a few more trials,
Only a few more tears."



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Chapter 15

TWELVE GREAT FACTS

First -- Man's State By Nature

1. "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." -- Genesis 6:5.
2. "Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." -- Psalms 51:5.
3. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" -Jeremiah 17:9.
4. "From within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness." -- Mark 7:21, 22.
5. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." -- John 3:6.
6. "The carnal mind (or rather, the mind of the flesh) is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." -- Romans. 8:7.
7. "And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins -- and were by nature the children of wrath even as others" -- Ephesians 2:1, 2.

Second -- Man's State By Practice

1. "They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." -- Psalms 14:3.
2. "There is not a Just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." -- Ecclesiastes 7:20.
3. "We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." -- Isaiah 64:6.
4. "There is none righteous, no, not one." -- Romans. 3:10.
5. "There is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." -Romans. 3:22, 23.
6. "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." -- Romans. 5:12.
7. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; -- if we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar." -- 1 John 1:8, 10.

Third -- There Must Be A Change

1. "Except ye be converted, and become, as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heave -- Matthew 18:3.
2. "Except ye repent, Ye shall all likewise perish." -- Luke 13:3.
3. "Except a man be born again (or from above), he cannot see the kingdom of God." -John 3:3.
4. "The wages of sin is death." -- Romans. 6:23. 5.
5. "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." -- Galatians 3:10.
6. "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." -- James 1:15.
7. "He that committeth sin is of the devil." -- 1 John 3:8.

Fourth -- God's Thoughts Of Man

1. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live" -- Ezekiel 33:11.
2. "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 3:16.
3. "God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." -- Romans. 5:8.
4. "God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." -- 1 Timothy 2:3, 4.
5. "The grace of God that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men." -- Titus 2:11.
6. "The Lord -- is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." -- 2 Peter 3:9.
7. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" -- 1 John 4:10.

Fifth -- Christ's Work For Man

1. "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." -- Isaiah 53:5.
2. "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." -- Matthew 20:28.
3. "When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." -Romans. 5:7.
4. "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." -- 1 Corinthians 15:31.
5. "He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." -- 2 Corinthians 5:21.

6. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" -Galatians 3:13.

7. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree." -- 1 Peter 2:24.

Sixth -- Value Of Christ's Blood

1. "When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you." -- Exodus 12:13.

2. "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" -- Leviticus 17:11.

3. "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" -- Matthew 26:28.

4. "In whom we have redemption through his blood." -- Ephesians 1:7.

5. "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things -- but with the precious blood of Christ" -- 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

6. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." -- 1 John 1:7.

7. "Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood." -- Revelation 5:9.

Seventh -- Christ's Invitations To Sinners

1. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you" rest" -Matthew 11:28.

2. "Come, for all things are now ready." -- Luke 14:17.

3. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." -- John 6:37.

4. "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." -- John 7:37.

5. "I am the door; by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved." -- John 10:9.

6. "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." -Revelation 21:6.

7. "Whosoever will, let him take the water: of life freely." -- Revelation 22:17.

Eighth -- What Christ Is Able To Do

1. "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him." -- Hebrews 7:25.

2. "He is able to succor them" that are tempted." -- Hebrews 2:18.

3. "He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." -- 2 Timothy 1:12.

4. "Being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform." -Romans. 4:21.

5. "He is able to make all grace abound toward you." -- 2 Corinthians 9:8.

6. "He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think." -- Ephesians 3:20.

7. "He is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." -- Jude, 24.

Ninth -- How To Be Saved

1. "He that believeth on him is not condemned," -- John 3:18.

2. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." -- John 3:36.

3. "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." -- Acts 10:43.

4. "By him all that believe are justified from all things." -- Acts 13:39.

5. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." -- Acts 16:31.

6. "To him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." -- Romans. 4:5.

7. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." -- Romans. 10:9.

Tenth -- How To Be Lost Forever

1. "He that believeth not shall be damned." -- Mark 16:16.

2. "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." -- John 3:18.

3. "He that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." -- John 3:36.

4. "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life." -- John 5:40.

5. "If ye believe not that I AM, ye shall die in your sins." -- John 8:24.

6. "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." -- 2 Thessalonians 1:8.

7. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" -- Hebrews 2:3.

Eleventh -- How We May Know We Are Saved

1. "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, HATH everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation (judgment); but is PASSED from death unto life." -- John 5:24.

2. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me HATH everlasting life." -- John 6:47.

3. "This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." -- John 6:40.

4. "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand."
-- John 10:28.

5. "Hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." -- John 3:10.

6. "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us." -- 1 John 4:16.

7. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life." -- 1 John 5:13.

Twelfth -- No Time To Be Lost

1. "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." -- Genesis 6:3.

2. "Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." -Proverbs 27:1.

3. "If we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us." -- 2 Kings 7:9.

4. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." -- Matthew 24:44.

5. "Behold, now is the accepted; behold now is the day of salvation." -- 2 Corinthians 6:2.

6. "As the Holy Ghost saith, To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." -Hebrews 3:7, 8.

7. "The time is at hand." -- Revelation 22:10.

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Chapter 16

THE BELIEVER'S WALK

The Standard -- 1 John 2:6; 3:3.

I. In the Church -- A. Positively expressed

1. In newness of life. -- Romans. 6:4.
2. After the Spirit. -- Romans. 8:1; Galatians 5:16
3. By faith. -- 2 Corinthians 5:7.
4. In good works. -- Ephesians 2:10.
5. Worthy of the vocation -- Ephesians 4:1; 18
6. Worthy of the Lord. -- Colossians. 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:12; 4:1.
7. In love. -- Ephesians 5:2.

II. Before the World

1. In Wisdom. -- Colossians. 4:5:
2. Circumspectly. -- Ephesians 5:15; 1 Timothy 3:7.
3. Honestly. -- 1 Thessalonians 4:12; Romans. 13:13,
4. In contrast. -- Ephesians 4:17; 5:8.
5. In separation. -- Proverbs 1:15; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.
6. In peace. -- 2 Timothy 2:22; Hebrews 12:14; Ephesians 6:15; Romans. 12:18.
7. Soberly, righteously, and godly. -- Titus 2:12

III. Negatively expressed

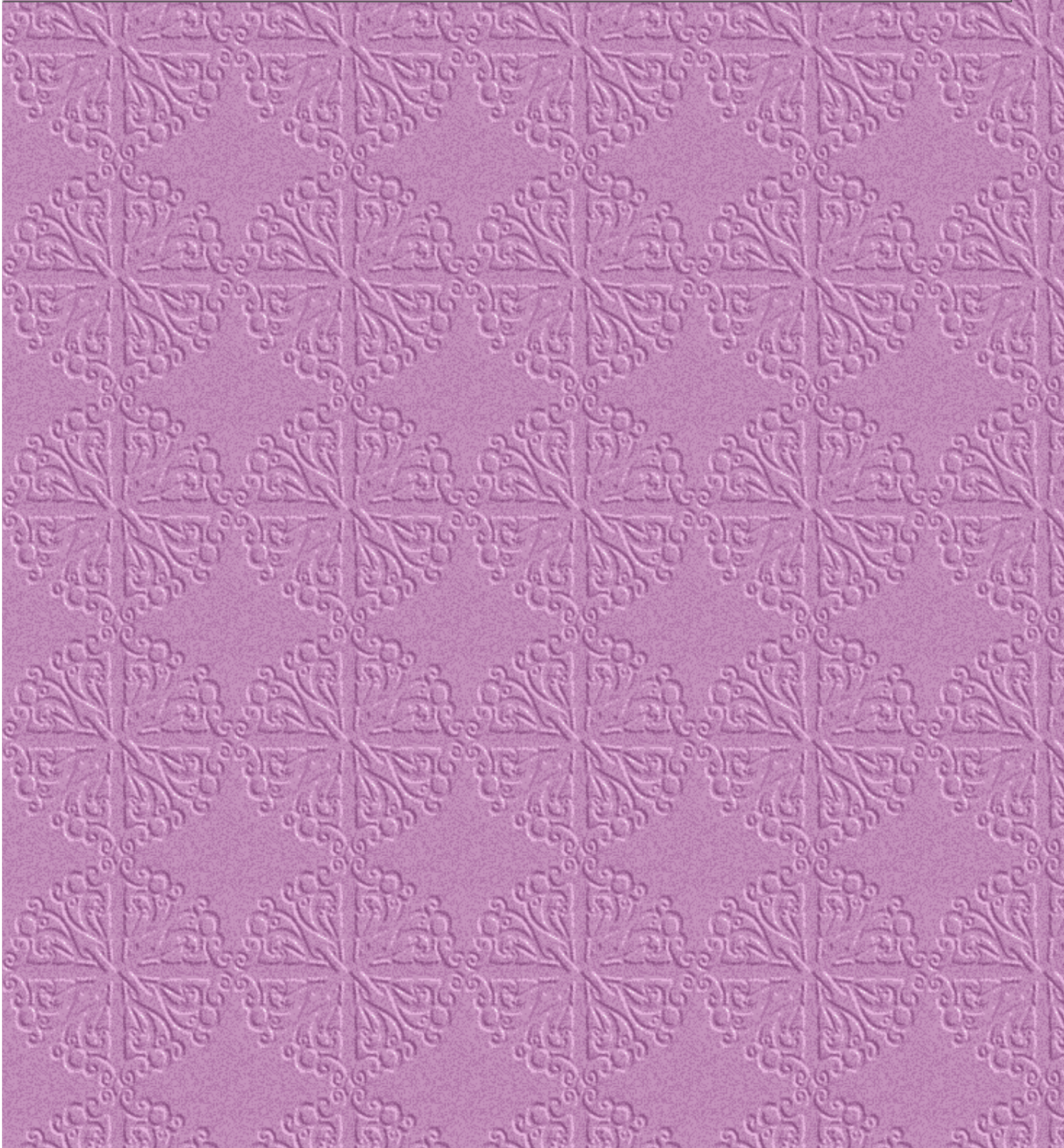
1. Not as other Gentiles -- Ephesians 4:17.
2. Not after the flesh. -- Romans. 8:1.
3. Not by sight. -- 2 Corinthians 5:7.

4. Not as fools -- Ephesians 5:15.

5. Not in rioting, etc. -- Romans. 13:13.

6. Not in craftiness -- 2 Corinthians 4:2.

7. Not to themselves -- 2 Corinthians, 5:15.



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Chapter 17

THE TEN DOCTRINES OF GRACE,

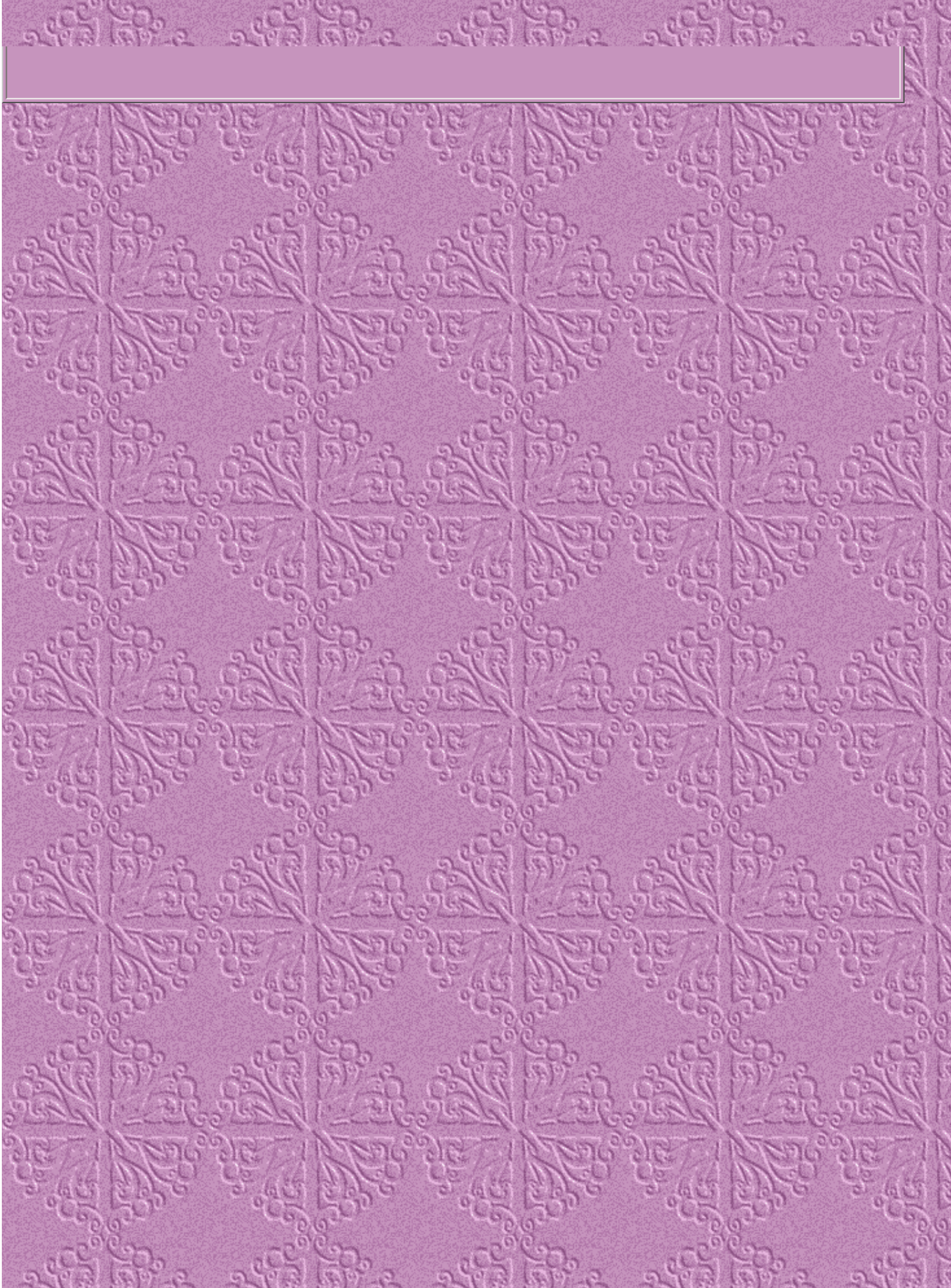
held by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1. I believe that all men are sinners. [I think that this statement should be qualified to read: "I believe that all men are sinners BEFORE BEING BORN AGAIN," or some such qualifier indicating that true Christians are not now sinners. -- DVM]
2. I believe that God the Father loves all men.
3. I believe that Jesus Christ died for all men, to make possible their salvation from sin, and to make sure the salvation of all who believe in Him.
4. I believe that the Holy Spirit is given to all men, to enlighten and to incline them to repent of their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. I believe that all who repent of their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ receive the forgiveness of sin. (This is Justification.)
6. I believe that all who receive the forgiveness of sins are at the same time made new creatures in Christ Jesus. (This is Regeneration.)
7. I believe that all who are made new creatures in Christ Jesus are accepted as the children of God. (This is adoption.)
8. I believe that all who are accepted as the children of God may receive the inward assurance of the Holy Spirit to that fact. (This is the Witness of the Spirit.)
9. I believe that all who truly desire and seek it may love God with all their heart and soul, mind and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. (This is Entire Sanctification.)
10. I believe that all who persevere to the end, and only those, shall be saved in heaven forever. (This is the true Final Perseverance.)

Refining fire, go through my heart;
Illuminate my soul;
Scatter thy life through every part,
And sanctify the whole.

My steadfast soul, from falling free,
Shall then no longer move,
While Christ is all the world to me,
And all my heart is love.

-- Charles Wesley.



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Chapter 18

OTHERS MAY! YOU CANNOT!

If God has called you to be really like Jesus in all your spirit, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put on you such demands of obedience, that He will not allow you to follow other Christians, and in many other ways He will seem to let other good people do things which he will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others can brag on themselves, on their work, on their success, on their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others will be allowed to succeed in making money, or having a legacy left to them, or in having luxuries, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, and that is a helpless dependence on Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The Lord will let others be honored, and put forward, and keep you hid away in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade.

He will let others be great, but keep you small. He will let others do a work for Him, and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He will let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and this will make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes. The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own, and He will not explain to you a thousand things which may puzzle your reason in His dealings with you. He will take you at your word; and if you absolutely sell yourself to be His slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and let other people say and do many things that you cannot do or say. Settle it forever, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not deal with others. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of heaven. -Selected.

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Chapter 19

FROM ADDRESSES OF BISHOPS -- 1824

In the quadrennial address to the General Conference of 1824 the Bishops said:

"Do we come to the people in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace? Do we insist on the witness of the Spirit and entire sanctification through faith in Christ? Are we contented to have the doctrine of Christian Holiness an article of our faith only, without becoming experimentally acquainted with it; or are we pressing after it as 'the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus?' If Methodists give up the doctrine of entire sanctification, or suffer it to become a dead letter, we are a fallen people. It is this that lays the axe at the root of the Antinomian tree in all its forms and degrees of growth. It is this that inflames and diffuses life, arouses to action, prompts to perseverance, and urges the soul forward in every holy exercise and useful work. If the Methodists lose sight of this doctrine, they fall by their own weight. Their success in gaining numbers will be the cause of their dissolution. Holiness is the main cord that binds us together -relax this, and you loose the whole system. This will appear the more evident if we call to mind the original design of Methodism. It was to raise up and preserve a holy people. This is the principal object which Mr. Wesley, who, under God, was the great founder of our order, had in view. To this all the doctrines believed and preached by Methodists tend."

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Chapter 20

DEFINITION OF SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification, What Is It?

"When the enemy cometh in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against him." Rationalism, higher criticism, etc., like a flood, are sweeping, the pulpits of our land; and a body, ever enlarging, is being raised up from among God's children who are professing a deeper spirituality than has held in the church for a long time. In England they call it "the deeper life," "the Spirit-filled life," "the life of faith," etc. But in America, where Methodism is the sphere in which it mostly prevails, it is called "Sanctification," or "Perfect love," as Wesley styled it.

All these names are meant to designate a certain type of spiritual life different from the ordinary regenerated life of the average Christian. And while the definitions of this life, and the degree of attainment in it may vary somewhat; while some extremists may stand stoutly for their peculiar shibboleth, their pet definitions and terms for this life, it is in substance the same as is called Sanctification, or the Spirit-filled life. The one phrase regards the result in the Christian, making him holy; the other has regard to the source of the life -- God's Spirit.

There are two schools of theology in God's church; and their systems and their preaching, whatever other ear-marks they may have, are characterized by this: The one looks at its system from the divine, the other from the human side. One says, "Work out your own salvation." The other says, "It is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do." So the two terms used above of this life will be preferred by the respective schools.

Great harm has been done the cause of sanctification by indiscreet professors -- often not possessors -- of the life. As one expresses it, "I used to have my religion north of my collar button" (in his head), "but now I have it south of the collar button" (in the heart). A noted city missionary has long had the reputation of being a "holiness fighter." Yet it was the writer's privilege to see him baptized of the Spirit recently. He says he saw only such advocates of sanctification as flocked to his mission to flaunt their self-righteousness, and to fling at the churches. But when God sent some truly Spirit-filled workers there, led by a wondrously converted and sanctified actress, he appointed a service for the reception of God's Spirit, and he, with several others swept into the experience.

How important, then, that we really know what sanctification is, and what it is not.

1. It is not sinless perfection, so that one cannot be tempted, and cannot sin.

The sanctified are tempted, may sin, if they will, and will sin if they do not abide in Christ. But it is life wherein they can abide in Christ so as not to sin, if they wish. The "prone to wander" having been changed to "prone to abide," they can, and if genuine, do live holy lives, as Paul did. "Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblamably we behaved ourselves among you that believe." (1 Thessalonians 2:10.) "In Him is no sin; whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not."

2. It is not angelic, Adamic, or heavenly perfection.

It is unblamable, yet may not be faultless. See 1 Thessalonians 5:23 and Jude 24: "preserved blameless" now, "presented faultless" at Christ's coming.

3. We may err in Judgment.

Sanctification affects the heart directly, the head indirectly. Therefore, we may unintentionally break God's law, and be blameless, though not faultless. The sister gave poison for quinine. She killed her sister; was right in her heart and motives, erred in judgment, was blameless, yet not faultless -- it was her fault.

It is an experience necessitated by the fact that regeneration, while implanting in the Christian a divine, sinless nature (1 John 5:18), yet does not eradicate the Adamic, carnal nature. Hence Paul, writing to the Corinthians, calls them "the Church of God," "called saints," yet recognizes many of them as "babes in Christ," as carnal (1 Corinthians 3:1), "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ." He recognizes them as "in Christ," "brethren," yet carnal. This carnal nature brings divisions, strifes, vain glorying I-am-of-Paul Presbyterians, I-am-of-Peter Romanists, I-am-of-Christ "Christians," etc., thus producing schism. This, too, leads to that awful struggle within the Christian portrayed in Romans 7:7-24, till we cry out, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Paul, who had taught in Romans 6:1-13 the deliverance by faith, and showed in 7:7-24 how it could not be by works, tells us in Romans 8:1-8 that it can be by the Spirit: "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Sanctification, then, is God's act, setting a man free from the carnal nature left in him by degeneration, and setting into operation within him a law through the Holy Spirit, whereby he can fulfill the requirements of God's holy law; that is, he is made perfect in love, so that, freed from the carnal mind, which is enmity to God (Romans 8:5-8), he loves God with all his heart and his neighbor as himself.

(a) God the Father sanctifies. Jude 1; 1 Thessalonians 5:22, 23. It is God's will for us: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; Ephesians 1:4; 5:26, 27.

(b) Our sanctification was included in the atonement, even as our justification; hence it is the blood that is said to sanctify us.

"The blood, the blood is all my plea; Hallelujah! it sanctifies me." (Hebrews 9:13, 14; and 10:10, 14, 29, etc.)

(c) It is in Christ. We are chosen in Him to be holy (Ephesians 1:4), sanctified in Him; hence all God's true, persevering children are in the eternal purpose regarded as sanctified. (1 Corinthians 1:2, 30.) In Christ all our redemptive rights were wrought out, secured for us.

(d) It is by the gift of the Holy Spirit in His baptismal power that secures to us our sanctified state. He sanctifies us (2 Thessalonians 2:13; Romans. 15:16.)

(e) It is upon the Word, through the truth we apprehend the will of God to be our sanctification, we see the possibility and desirability, yea, even necessity of our sanctification, and the promises upon which faith can rest and obtain this sanctification. (John 17:17, 19; 2 Thessalonians 2:13.)

(f) It is not by growth, or works, or resolutions, or cries, or groans, or shouts, or "exercises," or anything that we do that sanctifies us. It is by faith: 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Acts 26:18.

Regeneration is preceded by a sense of our sinful lives; sanctified by a sense of our sin in the heart.

Regeneration is sought, that we may escape hell and enjoy heaven. Sanctification, that we may escape sin in the soul and be holy.

Regeneration grows from a desire to be with Christ; sanctification, from a desire to be like Christ.

Regeneration is preceded by surrender of our rebellious lives and hearts and wills to Christ Sanctification, by a supreme consecration to Christ of all we are and have for time and eternity. The unsaved is a condemned rebel -- all is forfeited to

God's Justice. He cannot consecrate, for he owns nothing; the regenerate is an heir of God, and to God he devotes all that is in him; the bad to be rooted out, consumed by holy fire, the good to be salted with Holy fire, as a whole burnt offering to God. Then he reckons himself "dead indeed unto sin," because in Christ sin was put away. (Romans. 6:1-13.) He lays all on God's altar, God says "the altar sanctifies the gift," Christ being the altar, all yielded to Christ, He just sets to his seal that God is true, and so it is done, feeling or no feeling. He is not seeking to "feel happy like you all." He is seeking to be made like Christ, his will God's will; and he believes it is done, because he has met the conditions, and God said so. But will he not know it? Most assuredly. How? By such witness as the Holy Spirit sees fit to give.

It certainly will bring victory over heart sins, purity of heart. Yet some do not get the same complete victory that others do. Some camp further up the country by stronger faith, but all get over Jordan. -- Selected.

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Chapter 21

WHAT WE DO TEACH

1. That every regenerate man does not commit sin. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." -- 1 John 3:9. "He that committeth sin is of the devil." -- 1 John 3:8.

2. We teach that every Christian may love God perfectly" and is commanded to do so, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart."

3. We teach that we cannot love God with all the heart, while there is any pride, anger, malice or any other form of sin in the heart. All these are contrary to the nature of love, hence where these exist love to God cannot be perfect.

4. We teach that God has the power and willingness to take these evil affections out of the heart, so that our love may be perfect. "And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart." -- Deuteronomy 30:6.

5. We teach that the Holy Spirit comes into the heart thus cleansed and fills it with Himself, "Be filled with the Spirit."

6. We teach that the heart thus cleansed and filled, will grow in all the graces of the Spirit better than ever, because sin, the great hindrance to growth in grace, has been removed. All this remember is not absolute perfection but simply Christian perfection or perfect love. Paul says, "Now the end of the commandment is charity (love) out of a pure heart." As this is the end there can be nothing beyond the end. Who can make any objection to perfect love? People usually have to misrepresent our position before they attack.

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Chapter 22

WHAT WE DO NOT TEACH

As there is some misunderstanding as to what we teach, we wish to call the attention of candid, sober-minded people to the true doctrine of holiness as we understand it. We do not teach:

1. That we can ever get to the place where we cannot be tempted. If we were never tempted, we should get beyond the experience of Jesus Christ, who "was tempted in all points like as we," and Who "suffered being tempted."
2. We do not teach that we cannot sin. We shall always be liable to sin, therefore John says, "If any man sin we have an advocate with the Father." But because we are liable to sin, we are not compelled to commit it. A man may be saved from the sin of taking strong drink, so that he can let it alone, but he could drink if he wished. So with any other sin. There is a difference between being able not to sin and not being able to sin."
3. We do not teach that we are free from making mistakes. Freedom from mistakes only exists where there is a perfect judgment. There is but one Being who has a perfect judgment, that is God. Freedom from mistakes would make us equal to Him.
4. We do not teach that we can live so that everybody will think that we are living right. Even Jesus could not do that, but was put to death as a criminal in the sight of the church and the world.

These are the most common points where we are misunderstood.