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1st—What We Teach.

1. We teach that regeneration does not allow the committing of conscious 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 all Christians may love God perfectly, and this God commands. "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." Matt. 22:37.
3. We teach that this is impossible while there is any pride, anger, self-will, unbelief, malice, fear, or any form of wrongfulness in the heart. All such are contrary to the nature of love; so wherever any of these are, love is not perfect, and cannot be. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." 1 John 4:18.
4. We teach that God is both willing and able to remove all evil affections from the heart, and thus enable love to be unhindered. "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." Deut. 3:6.
5. We teach that cleansing of the heart from all indwelling evil is effected by the incoming of the Holy Ghost, in his fulness, who then abides. "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you." Luke 24:49. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come. . . they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:1, 4. "God . . . put no difference between us and them, purifying their heart by faith." Acts 15:8, 9. "Be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18.
6. We teach that the heart thus cleansed and possessed will grow in all Christian graces better than ever, since sin, the greatest hindrance to growth, has been removed. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; . . . singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Col. 3:16. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18.
7. We teach that this is the great secret of Christian living. All Christians want to keep from sinning; this is the Divine plan. "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." Rom. 6:6.

2nd—What We Do Not Teach.

1. We do not teach an absolute perfection—a perfection admitting of no advance, or improvement, like that God has—but a Christian perfection; which is nothing other than perfect love. This is what God provides for all, and commands in all. "Be ye therefore perfect." Matt. 5:48. "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded."—Phil. 3:15.
2. We do not teach that sanctified, or perfect, Christians cannot sin. They may. Therefore all should take heed. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into tempta-

tion." Matt. 26:41. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 1 Cor. 10:12.

3. We do not teach that sanctified Christians cannot be tempted. They may be, and are, and that severely. Jesus was tempted, and none of his people will be exempt. "He himself hath suffered being tempted." Heb. 2:18. "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord." Matt. 10:24.

4. We do not teach that sanctified Christians make no mistakes. A mistake in practice results from an error in judgment; and since human judgment is imperfect, a mistake is bound to follow. But this is an involuntary wrong and is not charged up against one because of one's knowing better. "Sin is not imputed when there is no law." Rom. 5:13.

5. We do not teach that a sanctified Christian has no thoughts of sin. A thought of sin is not a sinful thought. A thought of sin is the thinking of what goes on about one in this wicked world; (Jesus constantly thought of sin and was constantly condemning it); while a sinful thought is that which springs up from the evil within. One is external, while the other is internal; one cannot be helped, while the other can be. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.

6. We do not teach that one's life can be such that all will think of it as above all reproach. This would be to get beyond Jesus Christ, who was censured for eating "with publicans and sinners." He himself said, "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord." Matt. 10:25.

FAMILY PRAYER IN AN INN.

Rowland Hill was once driven by a storm into a village inn, and compelled to spend the night. When it grew late the landlord sent a request by the waiter that the guest would go to bed. Mr. Hill replied, "I have been waiting a long time, expecting to be called to family prayer." "Family prayer! I don't know what you mean, sir; we never have such things here." "Indeed! then tell your master I can not go to bed until we have had family prayer."

The waiter informed his master, who, in consternation, bounced into the room, occupied by the faithful minister, and said, "Sir, I wish you would go to bed. I cannot go till I have seen all the light out; I am so afraid of fire." "So am I," was the reply, "but I have been expecting to be summoned to family prayer." "All very good, sir; but it can not be done at an inn." "Indeed! then pray get my horse. I cannot sleep in a house where there is no family prayer."

The host preferred to dismiss his prejudice rather than his guest, and said, "I have no objection to having prayer, but I don't know how." "Well, then, summon you people and let us see what can be done." The landlord obeyed, and in a few minutes the astonished domestics were on their knees, and the landlord was called upon to pray.

"Sir, I have never prayed in my life; I don't know how." "Ask God to teach

you," was the gentle reply. The landlord said, folding his hands, "God, teach us to pray." "That is prayer, my friend," cried Mr. Hill joyfully, "go on."

"I'm sure I don't know what to say now, sir." "Yes, you do; God has taught you to pray; now thank Him for it." "Thank you God Almighty, for letting us pray to You." "Amen! amen!" exclaimed Mr. Hill, and then prayed himself. Two years afterward Mr. Hill found a chapel and a school as a result of the first effort of family prayer at the "Black Lion" (inn.)—Tales of Trust.

A MOTHER'S STORY.

Ah! none but a mother can tell you, sir,  
How a mother's heart will ache  
With the sorrow that comes of a sinning  
child,

With grief for a lost one's sake,  
When she knows the feet she trained to  
walk

Have gone so far away,  
And the lips grown bold with curses,  
That she taught to sing and pray.

A child may fear, a wife may weep;  
But of all sad things none other  
Seems half so sorrowful to us  
As being a drunkard's mother.

They tell me that down in the vilest dens  
Of the city's crime and muck,  
There are men with the heart of angels,  
Doing the angel's work;  
That they win back the lost and the  
strayed,

That they help the weak to stand,  
By the wonderful power of loving words,  
And the help of God's right hand.  
And often and over, the dear Lord knows,  
I've knelt and prayed to Him  
That somehow, somewhere, it would hap-  
pen,

That they'd find and save my Jim.

You'll say 'tis a poor old woman's whim;  
But when I prayed last night,  
Right o'er yon eastern window  
There shone a wonderful light,  
(Leastways it looked that way to me)  
And out of that light there fell  
The softest voice I ever heard;  
It rang like a silver bell;  
And these were the words,  
The Prodigal, tired by want and sin;  
Now seeks his Father's door;  
He weeps and enters in.

Why, sir, you're crying as hard as I;  
What is it that I have done?  
Have the loving voice and helping hand,  
Brought back my wandering son?  
Did you kiss me and call me mother  
And fold me to your breast?  
Or is it one of those taunting dreams  
That come to rob me of rest?  
No, no! thank God, 'tis a dream come true;  
I know He has saved my boy.  
And the poor old heart that had lived on  
hope

Is broken at last with joy.  
—Issued by Blanchard Bros., Tabor, Ia.

"The blood will never lose its power."  
And if we keep under the blood we will  
never lose our power.—Harry Loomer.

"Knee-work is the best fitting work for  
the pulpit. It pays."