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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—Isa. 35

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## Whosoever is Born of God Doth Not Commit Sin.

For whatsoever is Born of God  
Overcometh the World.

We Know That Whosoever is  
Born of God Sinneth Not.

Come to the Standard. The Standard Will Not Come to You.

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It was said of John the Baptist that he should "give the knowledge of Salvation" to the people of God "by the remission of their sins." John was the last prophet of the old dispensation. This was the privilege of those under the old dispensation—to know that they were saved. Much more then is it the privilege of those who live under the new dispensation.

We may know we are saved today as truly and as really as we know that we live and are in health. Under the dispensation in which we live the word of God tells us, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God." (Rom. 8:16) And again Paul says to the Galatians, "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son in your hearts crying Abba, Father." Gal. 4:6)

This is the Bible doctrine of the witness of the Spirit. This is something not only to be desired but most important and necessary to a victorious Christian life. No one who has been seeking Christ ought to rest until he has the witness of the Spirit to the fact that he is a child of God—that all his sins are forgiven.

Nevertheless, there are some good people who in their anxiety to be thorough make mistakes as to what this witness is. We hear them saying, "I have repented and believed, but I have not the witness."

1. The witness of the Spirit is not an inference. There is a class of people who are teaching that the knowledge of salvation is all a matter of inference, deduced

from certain scriptures. They are accustomed to say to a seeking soul, "Do you believe that Jesus is divine?" If an affirmative reply is given they then open their Bibles and point to the passage, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." "Do you see that passage?" "Yes." "Well, then, just believe you are a Christian and you are one, for is not the Bible true?"

But a man may say all this and only believe with his head and not have that real heart faith that saves. This is the trouble with much of latter day Christianity. It knows nothing about real salvation but has only inferred it from certain passages of scripture. We may as we said in the last chapter, believe in the physician but fail to take his medicine, and hence not get saved. Believing a time table will not take a traveller to his destination if he does nothing more. We have no right to say that we have arrived at the destination simply because we have believed in the time table. We have no right to say we are at the station of salvation until we know it and can see the word, SALVATION on the depot. Believing a doctor is not the same as knowing you are cured. When a man is cured he will feel it in his system. Some of the most ungodly people have gone all through the motions of this reasoning and are no better but often made worse. Inference is not knowledge.

The Holy Spirit is not an influence as Jesus has told us in John 16th chapter. He is a person. And as a person it is his office and business to tell us that we belong to God. And this is a very important matter. Salvation is too great a matter to be left in

uncertainty. It is too big an affair for a man to have on hand and not know it. It makes too great a change in the life to be an unconscious experience.

I. The Witness of The Spirit is Not an Ecstasy or Emotion. Here is where many are befogged. They say, "I have not yet received the Witness," when they are looking for something they hardly know what. They expect great raptures, or a wonderful appearance of great light or ravishing emotions. These are not the witness of the Spirit. To be sure they may accompany it or they may not. They are not the essential thing.

Consequently there are many people who will not believe God until they have an experience of that kind. And such people never get it. For they have presumed to dictate to God just how he must do with them and he will not accept dictation. Hence we often see people who have trusted in their feelings more than they have trusted in God. Salvation with them is not a matter of trusting God but of trusting their feelings. They want God to bless them and then they will trust him. They want God to witness to the fact that they are saved and then they will believe. They want him to witness to a thing that is not true and then they will believe it.

But the Spirit never witnesses to any thing until it is a fact. We may have the witness of the Spirit with a great many demonstrations, or we may have it with none. But most people want fire works more than they want to hear the still small voice of the Spirit.

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