

God has constant and continual victory for His children, but we must meet the conditions, working out our own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. He works it in, and here are a few hints as to how we are to work it out

I.—We must be born again. An experience without a definite witness is very unsatisfactory. He has promised: "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself."

II.—We cannot tarry in all the plain, but having a clear, definite witness to the experience of regeneration, should seek earnestly, yea, "groan after" the experience of entire Sanctification, for only when that which is not subject to the will of God, neither indeed can be, is taken out of our heart, can the precious Holy Spirit of the living God set up His throne and establish us in the walk of perfect love and victory.

III.-Having received one or both of these experiences, we cannot stand still but need constantly to watch and pray lest we enter into temptation." Prayer is the Christian's vital breath." Make it your first business each day to get alone with God. Take time to sense His presence. Praying out loud helps. Read the word of God, and pray over it, and He will speak to your soul. Plead the promises; enter into the very presence of Godthus your faith will grow. This secret prayer will start a perpetual stream of silent prayer which will rise from your heart all day. Get a prayer partner, and together attack the strongholds which you could not tackle alone. Paul said, "So fight I, not as one that beateth the air." Learn to do prayer fighting. God wants your prayers to be a factor in His kingdom. A prayer list, schedule or memorandum, and record of answered prayers, helps. Claim the Holy Spirit as your prayer teacher. Learn to "Pray in the Holy Ghost." Do not neglect the part He has for you in your own home at family worship, and in your church, in the prayer meeting. Ask Him to make you a blessing to others, and by obedience help to answer your own prayers. IV.-Read the Bible every day. Jesus overcame the tempter in the widerness by the Word, and testified that man should not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Just to pick the Bible up and read a few verses the last thing at night, with little thought or attention, is not a great help. Try reading it like you would any other book, page after page, and see how it opens up and becomes interesting and lives anew before you. The Holy Spirit, when He comes as our Sanctifier, makes the Bible like a new book, and causes

-Rom. 8:37

Through Him That Loved Us.

us to understand the scripture. We must give Him time if He is to do this. As you open your Bible, invite this Heavenly teacher to give you a lesson. As you read, ask yourself: "What does this say to me?" and read to obey. Look for the face of Jesus, in these sacred pages. It is revealed in wondrous beauty, and you may thus get to know Him. You will also find your own portrait, and need to open your heart to the searching of this mirror. Read for food. He has a special feast for your soul each day, and will minister to you as you seek Him. Study, ponder and pray over His word alone, and get others to study with you. Often new light will thus break in upon your soul.

V.—He has provided perfect victory for us. He wants us to live without sin, and has made this possible. But if we stumble and find a stain upon our heart, it is no reason to despair, and give up all hope. We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous. The thing to us, the instant you recognize your mistake or guilt, turn to Him in sincere repentance and have the thing removed. Thus a stumble need not be a fall, and our fellowship with Him need not be broken, if we did make a mistake. He is very patient and gentle with us, and has prayed for you as He did for Peter, "that thy faith fail not." VI.-Quench not the Spirit. This Heavenly Teacher who comes into our hearts at sanctification is very tender and gentle, kind and patient, easy to be entreated, responds wonderfully to our approaches, but is easily grieved. He is faithful, and warns us at every approach of danger. If we disregard His gentle warning, or disobey, the voice grows less distinct. He has guidance for us in every smallest thing if we but learn to discern His teaching. When His warning comes, "stop," or "be careful" or "speak," we do well to take heed and obey. Thus we get to hear and recognize His voice, our progress and victory increases by leaps and bounds, and daily we grow in grace. A Christian who does not heed the Spirit's voice is about as much use as a watch which does not keep time. VII.--Practice the Presence of God. He is with you everywhere. Learn to recognize and acknowledge Him. Live as unto Him. Each any act of my daily life is done as unto Him, and from the time this wondrous truth dawned upon my young heart, life has been glorified for me.

that is a definite testimony to the experience of Holiness. It gives God the glory for destroying the works of the devil, and of course witnesses to his defeat. Praise the Lord, it brings victory and power to our souls every time. We are saved to serve. Let us not be satisfied till we have won one to Him. I have found this one of the greatest preventatives and cures for backsliding. You grow as you help others. After all, the other victories of our life, save prayer, are defensive. To win a soul for Christ is to advance on the enemy's territory, and a captive of the mighty one is set free. This is real fighting and real victory. Praise His name. We are riding in the train of Him who goeth forth conquering and to conquer.

-FAITH SANDERS.

THE VANISHED

Where are the loved, the vanished, Who walked with us of yore? We from those true hearts banished Meet them on earth no more.

VIII.—They overcame by the Blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony," and there is no short cut for us. There is only one thing the devil hates worse in a Christian than a clear ringing testimony to pardoned sins, and They traveled to a kingdom Eternal, great and fair; It is the "better country;" The life is happy there.

Beside a crystal river

They walk the stormless strand, All clothed with light forever, It is Immanuel's Land. All past are death and sorrow, And past are pain and care, In that Immortal Country; The life is blissful there.

Their voices made our music, 'Twas harmony divine; And in their sweet, pure faces Was beauty's seal and sign; No more on earth we greet them, Our hearts do not despair; Above we hope to meet them; The life is golden there.

-E. WAYNE STAHL

The doors of God's Temple of Truth are so low that no man can enter who does not bow correspondingly low.—A. T. Pierson.

"Every difficulty that presents itself to us, if we receive it in the right way, is God's opportunity."—Heart and Life.