

SESSION FIVE: THE KEY TO RECEIVING THE SEAL OF GOD

Having brought conviction of sin, and presented before the mind the standard of righteousness, the Holy Spirit withdraws the affections from the things of this earth and fills the soul with a desire for holiness. "He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13), the Saviour declared. If men are willing to be molded, there will be brought about a sanctification of the whole being. The Spirit will take the things of God and **stamp them on the soul**. By His power the way of life will be made so plain that none need err therein. {AA 52.5} (Emphasis supplied).

Some who come to God by repentance and confession, and even believe that their sins are forgiven, still fail of claiming, as they should, the promises of God. They do not see that Jesus is an ever-present Saviour; and they are not ready to commit the keeping of their souls to Him, relying upon Him to perfect the work of grace begun in their hearts. While they think they are committing themselves to God, there is a great deal of **self-dependence**. There are conscientious souls that trust partly to God, and partly to themselves. They do not look to God, to be kept by His power, but depend upon watchfulness against temptation, and the performance of certain duties for acceptance with Him. There are **no victories** in this kind of faith. Such persons toil to no purpose; their souls are in continual bondage, and they find **no rest** until their burdens are laid at the feet of Jesus.

There is need of constant watchfulness, and of earnest, loving devotion; but these will come **naturally** when the soul is kept by the power of God through faith. We can do nothing, **absolutely nothing**, to commend ourselves to divine favor. We must not trust at all to ourselves nor to our good works; but when as erring, sinful beings we come to Christ, we may find rest in His love. God will accept every one that comes to Him trusting wholly in the merits of a crucified Saviour... This is walking in the light as Christ is in the light. {1SM 353.3&4} (Emphasis supplied).