

"Is more required of the candidates for translation than of others who have lived and died in Christ? I answer, Most certainly! Why? – Because those who shall be translated must reach that degree of perfection while in the flesh, that will enable them to stand in the last time without a mediator. That means much, a great deal more I fear, than many of us realize"

If his work as mediator began just as soon as the necessity for it arose, we conclude that it will cease only when the necessity for it ceases.

"But this necessity for mediation arose when man became a sinner, a being in rebellion against his Maker, an apostate. Hence it will cease only when God's children in the flesh have been restored to that complete harmony with God which was enjoyed by man before he sinned. That is to say, he who will be translated will be as perfectly conformed to the image of Christ, the purpose for which he was called (Rom.8:28,29), as Adam before he sinned was conformed to the image of God" GCB III, 1899, p.79; Haddock p. 325.

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Can any man live a sinless life? I have been asked. No, but Christ can. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." I have demonstrated that I can do nothing. The wages of sin is death, and so I must die, and let the Lord take the management. The first man showed his impotence, and now the second man Adam comes in, and in Him God's power is fully revealed. There is only one man and that is the Lord Jesus Christ: for there is only one seed. By the obedience of one many are made righteous. We become men indeed, perfect men, only as we are in him.

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. "Ye are all one in Christ Jesus." He is the man, the perfect man. So in the knowledge of the Son of God we come "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." He is "the man". "Behold the man", the one man the only righteous man, Christ. We see in all the saints of

God his face, his character, his righteousness, and his goodness, and we must sink out of sight.

"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." That is the gospel of the kingdom; the kingdom of God within us; God ruling in man, and showing his power in man. That is Christ reproduced in his creatures. That is the kingdom, and this gospel of the Kingdom, God in man, must be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and the world must see it. "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God and I will write upon him my new name." God puts his name upon his people, that all may know to whom they belong. Men put their names upon their places of business for a sign. Christ says, "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders." Wherever the men of the world come into contact with the people of God, they are to see the name of God, and recognize at a glance that God dwells within, and does business there. The name of God upon the people will declare it; but what is the name? – When the miracle had been wrought upon the impotent man at the gate of the temple, and Peter and John were brought before the council to answer for the good deed, and they were asked by what name they had done it Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said, "If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole, be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even in him doth this man stand before you whole." That is to say, the name of Jesus is the life of Jesus. So, being baptized into the name of Jesus, we are baptized into life of Christ. That is the witness to the world. "I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders," There we have the kingdom of God; the perfect kingdom of God, on earth, before the earth