

Intercessory Prayer." 1-John 5:16-17.

1-We are surrounded with brethren:

1-Not only Christian brethren but those of our own race, that is;

*Should it mean only
in acts*
1-Brothers of our own flesh.
2-Brethren in the world

2-Such may be seen giving way to sin: Sins are of two kinds;

1-Those sins unto death, and "sin not unto death."

2-Inasmuch as all sin persisted in and unrepented of is "unto death" we seem to be shut up to the inference that there is a state of sinning which is beyond the boundry line of hope; while there are sins which by no means involve any such sad conclusion.

1-The case these sins, "not unto death," represent may be grievous, but is by no means hopeless.

2"All injustice is sin;" it stains the soul but need not destroy it.

3-A case supposed: A believer sees a brother sin a sin which is not unto death (for of the hopeless cases we do not just now speak).

1-Such a case may fall under three heads:

1-It may be the case of a real Christian surprised into a fault: Gal.6:1;

2-It may be that of a nominal Christian who says he has faith, but has not works.

James 2:17;

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead being alone.

1-Abraham's faith was perfected by his obedience
1-James 2:21;

Was not Abraham our father justified by work, when he had offered Issac his son upon the alter.

2-Rahab the harlot was justified by works.

James 2:25. She hid the messengers of God and sent them out another way.

1-Abraham is renowned for his faith all his life long.

2-Rahab's faith was much lower.

3-The strongest faith will not do, nor the meanest be allowed to go without works

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3-It may be that of one entirely outside the Church.

1-Alienated from God.

2-Sunk in the mire of uncleanness.

3-He may be entangled in temptation.

4-He may be bewildered with doubt.

5-He may have become hardened, careless, dead.

4-We should pray for all in that condition:

1-Our prayer will not lose its point by wandering over general themes.

2-Our prayer will aim at laying the case of one sinning brother before God.

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