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~~THE~~ CHRISTIAN IN GOD'S KEEPING.

The pilot of a ship crossing the Atlantic Ocean from America to Europe keeps in the Gulf Stream; because the warm current, coming up from the tropics, creates a new climate, direction and momentum.

Just so, keeping oneself in the love of God, keeps one's life in the current of God's purposes and creates a new spiritual climate and gives a new direction and a new energy to life. In other words, when one keeps himself in the love of God, he keeps doing things that express love in the world and he becomes a means by which God's love acts in the world.

When Wilberforce fought against slavery; when Father Damien spent his life caring for lepers; when Frances Willard fought the liquor traffic, all were expressing God's love for the world. None of these minded pain, discomfort or sacrifice if only their efforts for the great good succeeded.

God's keeping of us does not mean that we shall never have any pain, trouble, sorrow or loss, but it does mean that love and trust in God makes Him able to work all things together for our good.