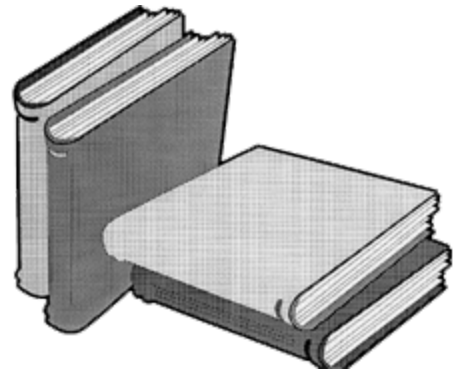


The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

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An Abiding Consolation.

An abiding consolation in these evil days is to be found in the fact that the Holy Spirit is working in the same manner as ever.

A conversion today bears all the marks which authenticated a conversion five hundred years ago. ... It matters not how much the wise men of the world deride the gospel of our Lord Jesus, it still arouses the careless [those without a care about eternal things], guides the despondent, renews the guilty and sanctifies the believing ...

While this is the case, what means this clamour for advanced thought? Can there be an advance upon a revelation which is complete? Is there anything better than Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever?

In patience let us possess our souls, resting not in talent and learning and influence for the progress of the gospel, but in the Holy Spirit alone. He can raise up leaders of eminence if other Pauls are needed. He can find learned pens if other Augustines are required. He never fails, nor even pauses, for lack of instruments.

Charles Spurgeon

An article in his magazine: *The Sword and the Trowel*,

April 1886. Reproduced in

Iain H. Murray, *The Life of Arthur W. Pink*,
Banner of Truth, 2nd ed., 2004, p. 2. In print as of Aug., 2014.

Pink was born in the month of Spurgeon's article. Recall his influence for Reformed Theology over the years since