

If we enter other relations of life we find illustrations of this truth. Each home has its own spirit which each member of the household carries with him as an inseparable presence. There is what we call the parental spirit impelling men to forego pleasures, to endure hardships for the sake of children and home.

So there is a Christian spirit possessed by all the followers of Jesus Christ. Christianity is a living thing. It does not exist apart from life, but is a living incarnation. It does not consist merely of rules of conduct, nor even of the beautiful sayings and doctrines of our blessed Lord, but of these embodied in human life, in human character. They are not always making most progress towards understanding God's truth who are studying it most. It is by action truth is realized. To stem the tide of scepticism which at times alarms the church, there is not so much need of arguments as of living epistles which will be known and read of all men. "If any man will do His will he will know of the doctrine whether it be of God." What is needed most of all is to have our Christianity expressed in living forms in our churches, families and in the hearts of individuals. We want God to take possession of our beings and mould them into his own image and use them for His own glory. We need to be filled with the Spirit of Christ, for if we have not His Spirit we are none of His.

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What is the Spirit of Christ? It is described in beautiful and simple forms in His life and teaching, as well as in the lives and teaching of His apostles. The lives of Christ and His apostles are more powerful factors in the history of Christianity than the words they spake. The New Testament is strong because it brings us into contact with strong divine lives. It holds up to us men with intense overmastering convictions embodied in life and conduct.

What then is the Spirit of Christ? We discover it in such sayings as:—"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." "Ye are the light of the world." "Ye are the salt of the earth." By putting thoughts like these together we shall get a very clear conception of the Spirit of Jesus, and unless we have the disposition so defined we have reason for alarm for we are assured we are none of His. Paul is the strongest character in history, not for the