

let them, first be duly instructed in the doctrine and commands of Jesus; and then be received into the fellowship of the church, under a full view of covenant obligations, that they may not soon forget their vows, and compel the church to discipline and exclude them. Let faithfulness be mingled with a large share of fervent love, and pastors and churches, instead of neglecting cases of backsliding and offence, till not a few require church action, be prompt and impartial to restore the straying and expel the irreclaimable. Then will the churches be as, "cities built on hills," and their members as "burning and shining lights" amid darkness, which can be dispelled only by the light of life, and many, convinced by what they behold in the faithful, shall glorify God and say, "We will go with you for we have heard that God is with you."

May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance, and every christian soldier gird himself in the panoply divine for the fight against sin, till by faith he gains the victory, and receives a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge will give to all them who love his appearing.

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