

unto you ; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Christ's doctrines and examples were calculated to produce peace among His people.

The rebuke which St. Peter received for his unwise act should be remembered by all that bear the name of Christian. Jesus says, "Put up again thy sword into his place; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels, but how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled?" In answer to Pilate's question, Art Thou the King of the Jews? Jesus says, "My kingdom is not of this world; if My kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence."

In His sermon upon the Mount, He said to His disciples, in opposition to the teaching of the Rabbis: "Resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. If any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also, and whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven." That discord is often found among Christians, alas! we know; but it must be remembered that Christianity is not responsible for it. Men differ greatly in intellect, in temperament, in taste, and through circumstances over which they have had but little control; but if they are powerfully influenced by the spirit and teachings of Christ, they will agree to differ in those things that are not absolutely necessary to salvation. St. James says, "From whence come wars and fightings among you; come they not hence even of your lusts that war in your members?" It is the duty of the Christian, and the Christian's privilege, as much as in him lieth, to live peaceably with all men.

In the second place, the words of the text lead us to infer that it is not always possible to live at peace with all men. The Prince of Peace declared that He came not to bring peace on earth, but a sword. A casual reader might suppose that these words entirely contradicted the other statements made by Him in reference to this matter, but a careful study of the subject will prove that a beautiful harmony exists in this as

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