

through God's grace, to renounce the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil? All this you engaged to do, and if you are not seeking and praying that you may be enabled in the strength of Christ to do so, you can lay no claim to having performed your part of the Christian covenant.

Some of you were perhaps first bidden, and for the first time received, from your late Minister, the consecrated memorials of Christ's death and sacrifice for sin. Do you then continue in this godly and christian practice, to the strengthening and refreshing of your souls? You cannot neglect to do this without a plain violation of a Divinely ordained Rite, and the express command of your Redeemer; and if you neglect it, how can ye be prepared to give in your account.

It is not sufficient that we barely confess these truths with our lips. The devils believe and tremble! But we must labour to exemplify them in our lives. "Prove all things." "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith." "Quit you like men, be strong."

All these are points of great interest to every reflecting Christian. When you look back upon the past, the time when and the circumstances under which you received perhaps your first religious impressions—when you remember by whose instrumentality you were reclaimed from your wanderings and guided into the paths of peace—when you consider your connection with him, with the Church and her ordinances,—the interest is increased, and the remembrance sanctified to your spiritual comfort and progress in godliness. Hear what St. Paul says,—“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”

*“The memory of the Just is blessed.”*

The relation between a Minister and his Flock is at once most sacred and awful, as being not only of present, but of eternal interest to both: both must give an account. Be it then your part, my brethren, to look back upon the past portions of your lives, and consider well what has been your conversation. Pray that your sins and negligences and ignorances and omissions of duty may be forgiven, through the merits of your Redeemer, on true repentance.

And Finally—if these things are interesting and momentous