

parents from their vows. The sponsors were merely the child's voice; and if the child would receive the benefits, it must keep the promises that they depend on. Neither let any elder person, who remembers making the vow childishly and thoughtlessly, think that Confirmation can again be resorted to. The vow can indeed be renewed — we can do so secretly at any time, best of all at the Holy Communion — but as to the sealing, the conferring of that Anointing of the Holy Spirit in virtue of which we are called Christians, from the Name of Christ, the Anointed, that is given once, and may not be sought again.

Young people, then, 'grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.' Come in faith and earnestness to make your promise and receive your Seal, and guard it faithfully to the end.

Elders, who are conscious of thoughtlessness and evil, pray and seek in the Holy Communion that the Seal once given, and now tarnished and defaced, may shine forth once more in the holiness of life that bears witness to the Presence of the Holy Ghost, that so the angels of destruction may see God's mark on your brow, and the day of terror may be to you the day of full adoption.