

made sober, in sensualists sanctified, in prodigals reclaimed, and millions of unhappy sinners blessed with His forgiving mercy. The modern miracles wrought by Christ surpass in number those of the past. But all is not seen on earth. The multitudes of the redeemed from this world are swelling the vast numbers already around the throne of the Lamb in Heaven.

In galleries of paintings, carefully preserved as the books of the great masters are, the colors fade, the expression becomes fainter, and the beauty disappears. It is not so with the beneficent works of Christ. He clothes His saints with robes of perpetual whiteness. The redeemed are richer and stronger and happier as the ages roll on. A redeemed sinner is an everlasting, unfading monument to the Redeemer's praise.

When the ages of earth have passed, and the numbers of the blood-washed and holy shall be completed, and all shall be in their glorious array of purity, what a wonderful commentary will that be on the unsearchable riches of Christ.

4. The unsearchable riches of Christ are seen in His employing converts as fishers of the souls of men.

A book recently came out with this title: "How to catch trout by three anglers." The idea was that those who had studied the habits of the trout and who had been themselves successful anglers, might be expected to be good teachers of others. Our Lord knew that His disciples who had personally felt the miserable burden of their sins, the wonderful wiles of the devil, and the infinite mercies of God would be sympathetic and helpful teachers of others. They could speak from the heart when endeavoring to guide the doubting or perplexed, the timid or the despondent. And so He put this honor upon all His saints. As when the wind moves through a grove each leaf rustles and contributes its own notes to swell the general music, so every christian, however humble, is called to the noble duty of aiding in the great missionary work of commending the Gospel of Christ. His calling to this work is sacred and grand.

Here we see the unsearchable riches of Christ. Every convert becomes a recruit and falls into line with other disciples. While his heart is warm and thankful, his new life is to attract others. His own heart is thereby greatly enriched, and his spiritual growth promoted. Satan uses all the bad influences he can. Christ calls for all good influences to oppose Satan. Men may not read the Bible or a religious book, or listen to a sermon, or join in singing a hymn, who may be won to Christ by the changed and gentle life of a sinner who now rejoices in the possession of the peace of God. Even those who have long been christians often find their faith wonderfully brightened by the fresh out-bursting life and gratitude of a new convert. The weak things are often most helpful to the strong. Ministers of Christ have no greater joy than to see converts through their ministry. And helping them may refresh a whole congregation, and cheer other ministers and churches in the Lord's work.