

with—every movement of the heart towards Christ that is resisted—every moment's delay in coming to him, is increasing, with an awful rapidity, the improbability that you shall ever be saved. How can you thus act so insincerely so murderous a part toward yourselves? Are you prepared "to dwell with the devouring fire?" Have you made up your mind "to dwell with everlasting burnings?" Are you resolved to be an outcast from God, from heaven, and from all happiness and glory? Ah! Christ is now standing over you with outstretched arms. Hear the tenderness and the love with which he addresses you, and postulates with you: "As I live, saith the Lord (Ez. xxxiii—21) I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way, and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die?" "Behold if a man will give his heart to seek the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." "Do this, and thou shalt live." "Christ shall be unto you, your all, and he shall be with you, in all."

This is the substance of the first sermon which I preached to this congregation, upwards of thirty-five years ago. I have endeavored to make this the substance of all the sermons which I have preached during the long years of my ministry. And now in the sermon with which I close it, I know of no more needful truths, of no more gracious truths, of no more appropriate and important truths that I can bring before you, and entreat you to remember and take heed to. To one and all of you, therefore, I say: Make Christ your "all." Take him, for he is willing to be your "all." See him in him in all, recognize him in all, honor him, love, obey him in all. Be in his place, engage in no employments, no amusements, indulge in no pleasures in which Christ is not with you. Make him your all here upon earth, and abide with him, and let him be with you in all, and then soon he will be your all in the presence of God, at God's judgment-bar, in heaven, and through eternity; and he will be with you—your Lord, your Saviour, your friend, your companion, in all the perfections, in all the attainments, the honors, and blissfulness of heaven. "Now, our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father which hath loved us and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work." (2nd Thes. ii.—16, 17.)

I do not wish to divert your attention from the important truths which I have now presented to you, by speaking of myself, or by making any lengthened allusions to our now fast expiring relationship, as pastor and people; yet, I feel it due to you and also to myself, that I should make some reference to our situation to-day. A few more swings of the pendulum of the church—whose clock, and that relationship of pastor and people, of so long standing—so sacred to me, and by me, so loved and cherished, shall be brought to a close by now—a relationship, which the experiences and memories of nearly thirty-five years and a half seem to have interwoven with all the feelings and fibres of my heart—a relationship, also, which, I believe and fondly hope, is sacred to many of you, and which many of you will long remember, and often think of with thankful and kindly feelings.

In consequence of the troubles in the other Presbyterian church and of the large numbers who were represented as desirous of uniting with this congregation, if arrangements were made for my retirement; and as a few in our own congregation had expressed a desire also, I was given to understand, for a more youthful and vigorous minister—the desire to advance the interests of