

have cause to be displeased; but, with a sincere desire to be reconciled, grounds of offence upon all sides, will be greatly diminished. Our Lord met with offences, and repaid them with kindness. You conceive yourselves injured, and think it many to resent; but you see, it is godlike, it is glorious, to forgive. Show, then, that grace can triumph over the feelings of nature; when others pursue vengeance, be ye the followers of God. Christian forgiveness can make no man mean or despised: it gives grace and dignity to the christian character: And who would compare the gratification of revenge, to the sweet sensations of a forgiving mind? One hour of such conscious reflection, exceeds the gains of an eternity of strife. When life draws nigh to the grave, you would wish to have these feelings; you would wish your worst enemies to have the same. You would earnestly desire to show mercy and receive it; and breathing forgiveness, to resign your spirit into the hand of a merciful God. Does the hope of forgiveness from God, or the certainty of many days in the world, authorize you in the meantime, to prolong your contention, and to cherish a disposition which neither relents nor forgives? Allow me, brethren, to make one solemn appeal to your consciences and affections. You are fast advancing to the termination of your earthly course; you must answer to Christ, and surely you are eager to be found in the company of the righteous, when he shall appear. For your own sakes, then, for the sake of religion, for Christ's sake, return into the unity of the spirit, and love like brethren: And, thus, you will possess consolation in life, and rejoicing in the presence of the Lord; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe.

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