

He so freely offers to all—Grace and truth—Christ is now building His church, gathering out the needed materials from a world of unbelievers; amongst whom He has sent His Holy Spirit to convince, or show them their urgent need of a Saviour outside of themselves; and as He has publicly ‘commanded all men every where to repent’—and believe the Gospel—a very weighty and solemn responsibility rests upon man to accept God’s free offer of salvation and eternal life, or suffer the consequence of refusing it. And just here we may, I believe safely say, that because of man’s so general and persistent refusal to obey His command, and accept His so gracious offer, the completion of His church is retarded, and the day of grace necessarily lengthened out. God is long suffering and though it may even take time yet to complete the heavenly building, He can wait. He is the “God of all patience.”

How many do repent and believe the glad tidings from day to day, we know not; but the thought of the multitudes upon multitudes who blindly and wilfully refuse His gracious offer is positively overwhelming. Oh, how I bless God that He, years ago, convinced me of my need, and caused me to believe in His blessed Son as my Saviour, and Redeemer.

Remember dear reader, that *all mankind* are responsible to repent, and believe; and that those who do not obey this new command, are simply left where they were before, *under God’s wrath and condemnation;*” not only for their sins of commission, but for