

travail of His soul. He recognizes the work of His own hand. He rejoices when even one sinner is turned from the error of his ways, and brought to confide in Him as the Lord his Righteousness. If then I am now permitted to address this morning any anxious, trembling, desponding soul, let me say to thee, my fellow-sinner, be not afraid or discouraged to go to Christ, if thou hast been awakened to see thy guilt and danger, it is for this very purpose that the Spirit hath pierced thy heart with the arrows of conviction, even that thou may'st be shut up into the faith of Him. Fall down then at the foot of His cross—give glory to Him as the Lord thy Saviour—cast thy burden, the burden of thy soul's salvation wholly upon Him, and just as the shepherd when he found the sheep that had been lost, took it up on his shoulders and carried it home rejoicing, so will the Lord Jesus Christ rejoice over you as one of His own flock, concerning whom He says, "I give unto my sheep eternal life, &c." He will bear you up in His own arms; He will protect you from every foe; He will honour you to be a witness for Him in your day, and guide you by a right way to the city of habitation.

And if the Saviour does thus rejoice in seeing of the travail of His soul in the conversion of one sinner through the blood of His cross, must not that joy be proportionally increased when numbers are thus turned to God? Must He not rejoice in all the efforts which are made by His people in dependence on His grace for the conversion of sinners around them, and for the spread of the everlasting Gospel to the utmost ends of the earth? What a powerful argument to earnest prayer and laborious effort, and devoted service for this end, that souls may be saved, and that He who died for them may have joy and satisfaction therein. And what will complete His joy? Nothing short of the completion of His Church—the conversion of the world. For thus it is promised, "Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

This then is the field that should be ever before our eyes—this is the object on which our hearts should be set. You sink down into a littleness which ought not to belong to the Missionary or the Bible Society enterprizes, when you think of anything less than this as the ultimate end. Your prayers—your solicitudes—your efforts, should all be directed to that. Nothing should satisfy the Church which does not satisfy Christ. He must have the mighty empires of the East, and of this Western Continent of North and South America, and Africa with its countless tribes, and all the abundance of the Isles; and He will never rest satisfied, and His soul will never know in experience its greatest triumphs till He looks down from His throne and sees the world reposing in peace beneath His sceptre, and under the shadow of His cross.

And so they who profess to be His people ought to be of one mind with Him. He hath taken pleasure in your welfare and happiness. He willingly endured the bitterest sufferings for your sakes, and what is there that you should be unwilling to do, or unwilling to suffer for Him? Let the love of Christ constrain you. Let it constrain you to take up the cross, to deny self and follow Him; to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus the Lord, that so you may be ever ready to exclaim, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

And with reference to all that you have, be it yours whilst you rest on the Saviour's work for salvation, and whilst you rejoice in Him alone as the way and the truth and the life, be it yours to say, "Here is my property, take the due proportion of it for Thy work; here is my influence, be it position, be it talent, be it wealth, be it what it may, employ it, Lord, in whatever way it can glorify Thee, and make Thee known on the earth; use it to promote Thy glory and the benefit of my fellow men." May God the Spirit enable you to realize more powerfully your obligations to Christ who bought you with His blood, and whose you profess to be.

And let me say, my friends, that if this is the feeling of your hearts, you will cordially support and countenance the object for which I have been re-