

ledge of the revealed will of God in his Word, which calls on all his children to come out from the world, (that is, by giving up all for Christ,) renouncing our own righteousness, and forsaking our sins, watching unto prayer, and giving all diligence to make known the excellency of the Christian Religion.

Whatever our circumstances in life may be, strive to have the glory of God always the first object in our view; then, whatever we do, we shall have an eye to his glory. We shall find it to his glory to maintain a steady course of Prayer and reading the Holy Scriptures. We shall feel pleasure in recommending Religion to our families by giving them to understand by our firmness and constant love to Christ, that he is in our hearts, that his love dwells in us, and that we do esteem him as the chiefest among ten thousand and altogether lovely. Our love to the Bible will appear when we peruse and practice it daily, and the dignity of the Christian Religion shine so conspicuously, that it will astonish infidels and cause even devils to flee before us. If the Word of Life be truly in our hearts, we shall have such discoveries by faith, of the pardon of our sins by the blood of Christ, and of justification by his righteousness, that it will be our highest delight to do his commandments. Our love to the saints will be greatly increased, and our hearts and hands will be opened. We shall endeavour to have the Churches supplied with faithful Ministers, and try to increase the means for doing good to our poor perishing fellow-men by promoting Bible and Missionary Societies; Tract and Temperance Societies—all which are admirably calculated to do good.

And now, Dear Brethren, as we must close our Epistle, let us remember that the coming of the Lord draws nigh. Great and marvellous things have already taken place, and greater may be expected. The angel has flown in the midst of Heaven, and the everlasting Gospel is publishing to all nations. In some parts the Lord is doing wonders in the conversion of sinners. In some of the Churches of the saints, there is a great increase of numbers and much holy zeal and love. The Lord's people are becoming a mighty Host, and in their testimonies are terrible as an army with banners. In other places awful judgments have taken place, which have swept thousands upon thousands suddenly into eternity. The Cholera Morbus, that angel of death, armed with invincible power, proves his commission to be from on high. The elements of death, wind, fire, and water, with the quaking of the earth, are all responding to the predictions of Him whose words are more firm than the pillars of heaven.

Dear Brethren, seeing we look for such things to visit us in this highly favoured land, as well as other parts of the earth, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for, and hasting to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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