

When I read of the life of such a man, how I blush to think how sickly and dwarfed Christianity is at the present time, and how many hundreds there are who never think of working for the Son of God and honouring Christ.

Yet when he wrote that letter back to Corinth, we find him taking an inventory of some things he had.

He is rich, he says : In journeyings, often in perils of water; in perils by my own countrymen; in perils by the heathen; in perils in the city; in perils in the wilderness; in perils in the sea; in perils among false brethren. That must have been the hardest of all. In weariness, in painfulness, in watchings often; in hungering, in thirsting, in fasting often; in cold, in nakedness; and besides all these the care of all the churches. These are only some of the things that he summed up. Do you know what made him so exceedingly glad? It was just because he believed the Scripture; he believed that Sermon on the Mount. We profess to believe it; we pretend to believe it; but few of us more than half believe it. Listen to one sentence in that sermon: Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven when you are persecuted. Now this persecution was about all that Paul had.

That was his capital, and he had a good deal of it; he had laid by a good many persecutions, and he was to get a great reward. Christ says: Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward. If Jesus Christ called it great it must be wonderful. We call things great that may look very small to Jesus Christ; and things that look very small to us may look very large to Christ, and when