

of Christ's mystical body. The true place and import of the New Testament Sacrament is that which is given by the Servant Paul and the Master Jesus Christ. Let not His followers affect to be wiser than He. And from such as would distract the Saints on Earth, by harping upon or unduly magnifying this or any particular ordinance whatever, from such turn ye away. Seek wisdom from on high to discern the chaff from the wheat. "As much as lieth in you" live at peace with all men, especially, with those who are of "the household of faith"—Should there be among us differences of opinion on minor questions, for which there is legitimate room, as Christians let us agree to differ, and, let us cherish the pleasing hope that all who are now striving to uphold the Redeemer's honor on Earth, may pursue their several paths in a Spirit becoming the followers of the Prince of Peace, and converge at the close of their toilsome pilgrimage, at the happy spot, where the dark waters of the river of death shall, in obedience to death's conqueror, retire, and open up a highway for the "Ransomed of the Lord." Then shall we gain peaceful possession of the "Better Land."

Dearly Beloved, leave ye contention to the enemies of Jesus; but, as His friends, in meekness follow Him—Ye are not your own, but ye are bought with a price. Glorifying therefore, in the perfect freedom of Christian discipleship say ye: Did He open His arms for me when a helpless babe—did He place me under the shadow of the Almighty ere yet I could lisp His name? Then I shall abide in Him and walk in Him. Death shall indeed change my countenance, but it shall not efface my Redeemer's zeal; it shall entomb me for a season in the narrow house, but, it shall not disunite my grave from His Eternal throne.

Trusting that these things so far as they accord with the word of God, may, as they have been delivered by me, be received by you in the Spirit of brotherly love.

And although, I have spoken on the present occasion at considerable length, on what I regard as the subordinate aspect of my Commission, I have no desire to resume the theme, for I am sent among you, not to preach Baptism under any form, not to baptize, but—"to preach the gospel," and "woe is unto me if I preach not, the Gospel."