

with loathsome diseases prostrated themselves at our feet and implored us to heal them. Christ-like work! Who does not envy us, Who will join in the triumph of the Gospel of healing to body and soul? Pray, then? for us, and yours will be a large share of the honour, for "more is wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

"The Lord hath done great things for us thereof we are glad," ay! and *shall* do, for hath He not said, "I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."

### IN THE SUNSHINE OF CHRIST'S LOVE.

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One of the historic landmarks in the Church of Christ was that "upper room" in Jerusalem, where the Master instituted the sacrament which commemorates His atoning love. After He had broken the bread, and given the cup to His disciples. He summons them to "arise and go hence," and leads them out towards Gethsemane. What a wonderful walk was that, and what a wonderful talk He gave them as they moved through the silent streets to the vale of Kedron! That chamber had been redolent of His redeeming love; the atmosphere was laden with its sweet fragrance. The first thing He speaks of is the vital union which He has formed between them and Himself—an union as close as the parent vine to all its branches and tendrils. Then He tells them that even as the Father had loved Him, so did He love them, and tenderly charges them "*Abide ye in my love.*" Not their love to Him, but His love for them. He had created a warm, bright, blessed atmosphere of love, and He urges His little flock to *continue* in it.

It is possible for all of us Christians to live steadily in this bright sunshine, where His love is falling in a constant stream of warm effulgence? It must be possible; for our Master never commands what we cannot perform. Sinless perfection may not be attainable in this life. But there is one thing which all of Christ's redeemed people can do, and that is to keep themselves in the delightful atmosphere of His love. It is our fault, and our shame that we spend so many days in the chilling fogs—or under the heavy clouds of unbelief, or down in the damp dark cellars of conformity to the world. There are three conditions which Christ enjoins upon us. If we fulfil them we shall abide in the sunshine of His love.

1. The first one is *obedience*. "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in My

love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love," A boy leaves his home for school or college, and his mother packs his trunk, with many a tear, moistening his wardrobe. She puts a Bible there, and says to him "Now my dear boy, this you will read every morning and night; and while you are on your knees in prayer, your mother is with you." By-and by her heart leaps with joy when he writes to her that he is doing just what she bade him; and every time that obedient loyal son opens that book and bends on his knees before God, he is surrounded by the sweet atmosphere of his mother's love. He gains two blessings: strength to resist outside temptations, and the heart-happiness of pleasing his devoted unselfish mother.

In like manner we who call ourselves Christians should abide in the bright warm atmosphere of our Master's love. We must heartily accept a *whole* Christ, both as Saviour and Lord, and accept Him without any reserves or limitations. He has a right to command; it is ours simply to obey. Stephen Girard, the Philadelphia millionaire; was once called on by a poor man who wanted employment. Gerard told him to go into a vacant lot near by and carry all the stones on one side of the lot over to the other side, and the next day to move them all back again. At the end of the week, when he came for his wages, Girard said to him, "I like you. There is no nonsense about you. You do just what you are told to do, and ask no questions; you shall have work as long as I have anything to be done." This is the kind of service which Christ wants. "Lord *what wilt Thou have me to do?*" The *why* we must leave with Him. Genuine hearty obedience is not a galling burden; it becomes the secret of perfect joy. Christ tells us that our "joy shall be full."

2. The second direction for keeping in the bright beamings of the divine love is, *Growth* in godly character. Turn to the Epistle of Jude and read this: "*Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, keep yourselves in the love of God.*" The construction of a Christian character is like the construction of a house. There must first be a solid foundation. But some church members never get much beyond this. Up yonder on Lafayette avenue are long lines of massive stone-work—laid there twenty years ago. Those grass-grown stones are the foundation for a Romish Cathedral, but no Cathedral stands there yet. Some people start with a certain amount of faith in Christ, and profess that before the world. Then they stop there. They do not "*add* to their faith, courage, temperance, meekness, patience, godliness, love," and all the other stones