

Now, if the Jew will stand hereafter inexcusable, what shall we say of that vast multitude who, living under the greater privileges of the Gospel dispensation, still disregard its claims? We have not, thanks be to God, to deal, at the present day, with many individuals who dare to reject the terms of the Bible, or to deny their obligations to the Great Head of the Church, but we have that which it is as difficult to combat, viz., the indifference and lukewarmness of those who profess and call themselves christians, who readily acknowledge their belief in the principles of christianity, and who show much outward compliance with its forms, and yet manifest no desire to advance beyond that point which the world has, as it were, prescribed and sanctioned, as reasonable and expedient. Human opinion is, alas! the standard to which too many conform their practice, without considering the requirements of God's holy word: and they shelter themselves in a fancied but false security, because so many are found to be satisfied with the same imperfect obedience.

No christian duty is more systematically set at naught by a large portion of professing members of Christ's flock, than that of receiving the Holy Communion, and yet no duty is more positively and strictly enjoined. Let me then my brethren, bring this important subject under your consideration, with the earnest hope, that those of you who have hitherto neglected this sacred ordinance, may be led to consider your obligation to God, and may cheerfully acquiesce in those repeated invitations which bid you commemorate the dying love of your Redeemer.

That it is a solemn duty for every member of Christ's Church to partake of the Holy Communion no one can reasonably deny. The