

But His work in this age is to gather out of all nations the third body, in which no traces of former distinctions shall appear. In this body there is "neither Jew nor Greek, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond, or free." All distinctions of birth, ranks, education, culture, sex, or whatever in this life separate, mankind into classes, are lost, and all are merged into the unity of the redeemed, into one new Man—the Christ.

How different is this reconciliation from that of man's highest ideal. Man's way is to bring humanity together on the basis of the natural man, and a common creation is the link by which he would unite the race into one. And so we are hearing much of the new gospel, which multitudes honestly accept as the very essence of Christianity: "The universal brotherhood of man, and Fatherhood of God." It makes the brotherhood of man mean simply a common origin, and the Fatherhood of God nothing more than a common Creator. But this would of necessity include in the same family, all the lower and the lowest animals.

The time has not yet come for God to deal with His material creation, which "waits for the manifestation of the sons of God." (Rom. 8:19). The brotherhood that is now being formed is of those who have been reconciled by the cross,* by which Christ abolished all that hinder, fellowship with God, and with each other as His childrens and so making peace in one body, which is the new Man—Christ and the Church.

This is the peace which He came and preached *to you which were afar off; and to them that were nigh*. And it is the duty of the Church, in His name, to make known to the world this method of reconciliation and the new re-