

of early training in the Sabbath School, the Sabbath quiet and restfulness, the House of God with its sacred associations, its earnest prayers and sweet songs of praise, the family altar, the father's counsels, the mother's pleadings, the thoughts of God that come with the earliest recollections of our childhood's years, all these and numerous other subtle agencies combine to weave around us a network of influences, powerful for good, and a strong protection against the forces of the evil one.

That all our lives long we have known the "Old, old story of Jesus and His love"; that we have proved that Jesus Christ has power on earth to forgive sins; that we have experienced the blessedness of trusting His promises, and relying on His grace; that in times of peril, of darkness, and distress, we have tested the shelter of the everlasting arms, that we can look up to God as our Father, and claim Him as our Friend with a confidence that comes from long experience of His faithfulness and love, should cause our hearts to swell with grateful thanksgiving and praise. With the greatest of all gifts, the unspeakable gift of His Son, surely God also hath freely bestowed upon us all things that pertain to life and godliness.

The bestowment of these favors should demand our fullest allegiance and the best service of our lives in return.

The Son of God, our Saviour, was the free gift of God's love to the whole race of man. For the natives of India, and China, and Japan, for the farthest dweller in unknown seas, as well as for those who in Christian countries profess to be His followers, the Holy Spirit is the universal agent for making known to men the wonderful love of God and transforming life under every variety of circumstance and making it conformable to His will. The bible as a revelation of God's law and purpose for men is adapted to every soul of man in every possible condition of life. In these things there is no difference, for the same Lord over all, is rich unto all that call upon Him, but the great difference between our condition and that of those who are sitting in the region and shadow of death, is, that the knowledge of these things has been ours for centuries past, and the influence of that knowledge has permeated every part of our national life and character. What then is our bounden duty towards those who are still in ignorance of God's grace in their redemption? God has bestowed these blessings on us, not for our selfish enjoyment but that we might use them in the spreading of His gospel, the evangelization of the world. Does He not ask us then as a proof of our thanksgiving, greater sacrifice and heartier service in His cause? Can we be satisfied while those for whom such a redemption price has been paid remain in ignorance of the way of salvation? Let the love of Christ constrain us as never before, to consecrate ourselves more fully to His service and prove our heartfelt thanksgiving by our endeavors to bring others into the same blessed relations as those which we enjoy.

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