

How precious is the truth contained in this confession! How tremendous the peril of all who reject the divinely laid foundation! Lord open thou our eyes that we may understand the truth, and our hearts that we may receive it.

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## THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD.

### NO. III.

IN my last I directed your attention to the duty of every professor of religion to seek the salvation of the souls of all with whom he may be brought in *contact*; or, in other words, to be actively employed in the Lord's vineyard, *at home*. In this, I propose to direct the attention of Christians to their duty to *send* this great salvation to those who are in the region of shadow and death—our duty to engage in the work of foreign evangelization.

Let us, then, in the first place, endeavor to attain clear views of our relation to this stupendous work. If there exists in our minds doubt, or a want of clearness in regard to this duty, our action in reference to it must be characterized by a want of decision and energy. The divine command is, "Let a man be *fully* persuaded in his own mind." Universal experience testifies that where mind is in darkness in respect to duty, there is a corresponding want of prompt, energetic action—at best, it will only be spasmodic.

Let us, then, as persons *entrusted* with the glorious gospel—persons who have to stand before the judgment bar of God and answer for the manner in which we have labored to diffuse this salvation—solemnly and carefully inform our minds as to what is our duty in reference to the spreading of the gospel. May the simple desire of our hearts be, to know the mind of the Lord as it is set forth in His Word.

And here we find the mind of our Saviour made known to us in very few words—"Go preach the gospel to *every* creature." This command was not designed merely for those who heard it. It was intended for Christians of every age, as is most manifest from the promise annexed: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." If those only who heard the Saviour were commanded to make known the gospel to every creature, the promise must be utterly meaningless and uncalled for. But God never records a promise that is not necessary. His promises are all yea and amen in Christ Jesus. Hence we must conclude, that it is the duty of Christians, down through all time, to diffuse and *maintain* the gospel throughout the whole world; and in the discharge of this arduous and heavenly duty, they have the promise that Christ will be with them, to bear up and carry through all their labors.

Reader, have you received this gospel? If so, then you are under the express command of Christ to make it known—to *send* it to others who have it not. Do you ever solemnly reflect upon the nature of the position you occupy? This should be a subject of much deep and serious thought.

Let us look at this subject from another point. If you are living in accordance with the requirements of your Saviour, you are daily praying, "Lord, let thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." Now, it is impossible that his will should be done on earth where his gospel is not known. But as it has pleased God to leave to the Church the work of mak-