

If many of you are not able to answer these questions in the broad affirmative, then, Brethren, has my twenty-five year's ministry been indeed unprofitable. Then "have I run in vain, and laboured in vain."

But I fear that there are too many who like Gallio, "care for none of these things." Who are living after the course of this world. Still unawakened to the concerns of their souls. Still far from God. Still without any saving, personal interest in Christ. Still without that "new heart and new spirit," which we all must have or perish! O, Brethren and Sisters, would that my poor words could prevail with you to seek the "more excellent way,"—to "cease to do evil and learn to do well."

Would that I could effectually arouse the ungodly and the careless among you, to seek the Lord while yet He may be found, a God of mercy and loving kindness; to call upon Him while yet He is near to hearken. Would that every man, woman and child among you could now be brought, at once, this very day, "while it is called to day;" to give your hearts and lives to that Saviour who gave himself for you!

Brethren, I can truly say, "my heart's desire and prayer to God for you all, is" that you may be saved. But you well know that without your own efforts this desire cannot be accomplished. "Every one of us must give an account of himself to God."

Therefore each must "work out his own salvation," in God's appointed way. "No man can do this for another." It is your own personal, individual, everlasting concern.

Attend to it then I charge you, as you value the favour of God and the joys that are at His right hand,—without delay, lest that night come suddenly upon you, in which "no man can work." Rest not beloved, in the "form of godliness without its power," in the name of "Churchmen," or "Christians," while your hearts and lives are at variance with the Spirit of Christ. It often weighs down the heart of your Pastor, when he reflects how many, on the one hand, are treading with fearful boldness the paths of open sin, blaspheming that holy Name by which we are called, breaking the Sabbath, "forsaking the house of the Lord," and in other respects taking Satan as their master. And how many on the other hand, seem to rest in the mere outside of religion,