

itself, if possible, were a thousand times ten thousand more arduous than it is ; yet, there should be *no* shrinking back from it, *no* complaining, *no* hesitancy ; but a cheerful readiness to consecrate the whole powers of mind and body to this work—the *only* inquiry being,—Lord what wilt thou have me do in this glorious enterprise. Having thus most satisfactorily arrived at the conclusion, that it is the duty of Christians to propagate the truths of the gospel :—I in the next place will consider, who are to *go*, or what are the *qualifications* of a missionary

The fundamental qualification, upon which the missionary's commission rests, is the same as that upon which the performance of all Christian duty rests—thro' which all duty is rendered acceptable to God, viz., a *new birth*. All who "are created in Christ Jesus, to good works," are *equally* set apart to the service of God, should all hold themselves *equally* ready to do the will of God, and in the doing of which, no one *ought* to consider him or herself to be under higher or lower obligations "to spend and be spent" for Christ than another.

I would pause here and throw out a few hints in reference to a prevalent and fatal error of the present day.

If the Church does not theoretically, she does practically teach that more *is*, and *ought* to be expected of the *missionary* in the way of self-denial, self-sacrifice, and unceasing prayerfulness and earnestness for the conversion of souls, than of her *other* members. She seems to think, that her missionaries are to perform a work of supererogation for her, or that they go forth from her, as a "scape goat,"—if not to bear away her sins—at least, to carry—on their devoted shoulders—much of her responsibility in reference to the *heathen* world : so that the rest of her members are exempt from those toils, anxieties, privations, and *sacrifices*, which devolve upon and are the duty of the faithful missionary to undergo ; and that they may thus, with impunity, remain at *home*, enjoying the ease, comforts, and *luxuries* of life. Thus they appear to regard missionaries, as a different order of beings from themselves, as under higher obligations to "spend and be spent" for Christ, than they are. True, *all* are not equally qualified to go in person to the heathen ; all have not the same ability to contribute towards the spread of the gospel ; all have not the same talents to employ in forwarding this glorious work,