

It certainly has not yet as a spiritual body "all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

The Lord even now saves us by union with Himself in His spiritual body, the Church; and by His Church He will sooner or later establish His reign; but He is now still personally absent in that far country from which He has not yet returned to call us to account for the use or non-use we have made of His several gifts.

We all have, like Israel of old, departed more or less from His ordinances, and are still "like children tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

Surely I come quickly, the Lord now says. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

But before He comes in visible glory, the present wave of infidelity and agnosticism sweeping over Christendom will have culminated in the "falling away" (apostasy) predicted by St. Paul (2 Thess. 2), and a faithful remnant of the Church militant must be prepared as a well-disciplined, spiritual army to meet the great Commander-in-Chief at His coming. And so He will take possession of His kingdom and extend it. Amen.