

Again, the subjects of the kingdom of God, are those who have repented of their sins, and become converted not to the church, not to the minister, not to the society, but to the living God. No other conversion will save. We must be converted to Him who can save to the uttermost all those who believe the Gospel.

What is the Gospel? What good news comes to us through the Word? "Christ Jesus came to save sinners." For "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Is the gospel true? It is no fable. Christianity is no delusion. We have abundant evidence of the truth of the glorious gospel. (1) Our civilization, contrasted with heathenism proves Christianity divine. (2) The testimonies of God's children, the world over, is substantially the same which could not be true if the gospel were not. (3) The witness of the Spirit, testifying with our spirit, is an indubitable proof of the truth of the gospel, and those having this evidence cannot doubt that the gospel is of God. This glorious gospel shews us our ruin by sin, and the remedy of salvation. It points us to Calvary and offers, on condition of our repentance and faith, to lift us up from Nature's darkness into the kingdom of grace, and from the kingdom of grace to the kingdom of glory. The way into this kingdom is pointed out in the text: "Repent ye and believe the gospel." Now repentance is not all sorrow or grief over past sins. It is a turning away from them to God. It leads to peace and joy of reconciliation.

Repentance must be genuine, not legal like that of a criminal who, on account of some dread crime, has been put into prison, and sees before him the punishment. It may be the thought of the dangling rope before him which causes him to repent. Many postpone repentance till the dying hour and then seek after God, for fear of the punishment awaiting sin.

We want gospel repentance, springing up in the heart at the view of God's wondrous love to us. God's love, as revealed in the gospel, is designed to melt our hearts into deep contrition of sin. Repentance opens the way to the kingdom, but faith brings us in. Not the theoretical faith which devils have as well as Christians, but the faith the Apostle speaks of in Galatians, "Faith which worketh by love." When once into the family of God, we continue therein by childlike faith. Our life is a life of faith. Christians of to-day need a much stronger faith in God's Word. A faith that makes the promises personal and inspires to heroic activity.

Brethren, let us have faith in the Glorious Gospel of Christ. It must and will prevail. Let us have faith in the Great Captain of our Salvation, who is "Mighty to save" and help us.

Sinners, to-day God's command is, "Repent and believe the gospel."

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