

inform them rightly in what that salvation consists; which is a deliverance from sin, and all their spiritual enemies. Inform them also that the design of the Gospel is, by its discipline, laws and ordinances, to implant holiness in the heart, and thereby to train them up and prepare them for future happiness. Nor suffer them to be ignorant of this truth, which is very interesting for them to be well convinced of, namely—that although it is the peculiar duty of Clergymen to instruct others, and set them a Christian example; yet the commandments of God are equally binding on all; and it is as true of the Laity as of the Clergy, that without holiness no man shall see the Lord—that a Layman, whatever his rank or station in life may be, if destitute of religion, and under the dominion of sin and vice, will as certainly be excluded from the kingdom of heaven, as a Clergyman of the same description, if any such may be found; for both are alike incapable of entering those mansions where no defilement can be admitted; both are alike unfit to partake of those pure joys which are prepared for such only as have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts; and who are conformed to the image of the Son of God.†—Since that state of holiness therefore is equally required and necessary in ALL, we should ALL strive to attain it; and
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† Gal. V. 24. Rom. VIII. 29.