

among you. To have you all, old and young, "glorifying God in your bodies and your spirits which are God's."

The true minister of Christ may, without presumption say with the beloved disciple, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children (or people) walk in the truth." But I need not add that for the attainment of these things, we must be ever "looking unto Jesus, as the author and finisher of our faith"—the root of the whole matter—the Alpha and Omega, beginning and ending of our salvation, without whom we preach and you hear in vain. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His." O! for a larger measure of that spirit to be shed abroad in all of our souls, Pastors and people. That is what we want most of all. Seek it, then, as you hope to be saved, in God's appointed way, not by leaving your Church, where if you cannot find the Lord, you will find him nowhere on earth. Honor his sabbath,—search the scriptures,—pray without ceasing—in your private retirements, and in your families. If you neglect this, you cannot expect Religion to flourish in your own souls, nor your sons and daughters to grow up good Christians, and loving and dutiful to yourselves.

Come regularly and devoutly to the Lord's table, to do as he has commanded you—for the strengthening and refreshing of your souls—by faith in the one great and all-sufficient atonement. The guests at this holy feast do not increase with us as fast as I wish. Some of you who have been confirmed have never gone farther, and are not Communicants. Do not stop there. Wait no longer. I am sometimes sent for in the last moments of life, to administer the sacred ordinance for the first time, or after a long interval. Let not that be *your* way. Come in your prime, in the way appointed by Him who died for you, and said with almost his last breath, "Do this in remembrance of me." How can we face Him in the next world, if we wilfully neglect that solemn, that easy, that tender command? I do not believe in what is called "Sacramental Religion." But neither do I believe in genuine christianity without this eminently christian ordinance. I would be sorry to say that because you were to receive the Lord's Supper every day in the week, you would therefore be true Christians. But I am unable to see how you can be so, while you neglect the ordinance of Christ altogether.