

dear Saviour who has bought you with His blood. "May grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied unto you." May the Lord Himself hold up your goings in His paths, and enable you to "fight the good fight of faith." Always bear in mind the judgment-seat of Christ, and the day you must stand before it. And let the hope of its approach cheer you for the onset against your corruptions, and animate you in your assault upon all remains of worldliness, ill-temper, selfishness, uncharitableness, and the accompanying host of ills to which you once were willing slaves. Yes! let the thoughts upon which we have now been dwelling, drive you to greater earnestness, to a more firm resolve against everything that defiles you, against every inconsistency, every sinful imagination, every idle word, every ungodly deed to which the enemy would tempt you. Beware of spiritual sloth; beware of boasting, because you have girded on your harness, as if you were now putting it off; beware of thinking, that, because you have entered upon the Christian warfare, the battle is already fought and the victory won. You have enlisted under the Captain of your salvation; and in His strength you must go against all the corruptions of your sinful flesh, all the temptations of a wicked world, and all the craft and malice of the Devil, even to the very last breath you draw. But you know the promise—"If God be for us, who can be against us?" It will all soon be over; and then we shall together sing throughout eternity the praises of Him "who hath loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and made us kings and priests unto God and His Father."

Once more, then, dear brethren,—both converted and unconverted, to one and all of you,—I would say in the words of the Apostle—"Farewell! Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." Amen.