

are you really less concerned, less devoted, *less earnest*, in the chief business of life—personal holiness, Christian usefulness, a happy end, and a glorious heaven—than formerly? Have you left your first love? Is not the knowledge of your piety gone? Do you not find it, therefore, *inconvenient* to go to class? Perhaps your worldly circumstances are improved, and the allurements of gay and fashionable society, and follies, are mastering your heart. Perhaps you are even disposed to go over to another church where you would find more ease in conforming to the world, and living mainly just like worldly people; or, perhaps, you too can join with other cold and backslidden Methodists, and say—"I don't see the good of class meeting." O, search your hearts! The trouble, be assured, is there. Go at once to God, in penitence and prayer. Go to class, too, and make your acknowledgments there. Rest not short of a piety that *relishes* the class meeting, that *enjoys* it; and then you will understand, and highly prize the providence of God that led to the adoption of such a regulation in Methodism, and made it *indispensable* for you regularly to be there.

Sons and daughters of Methodist sires! never be ashamed of a church of class meeting notoriety. Cast not away this honoured badge, in which your sainted parents gloried; and which they left to you as a sacred memorial. Think of their holy lives, and their triumphant deaths, and nobly resolve to catch their falling mantles, to tread in their pious steps, and to be followers of their faith and patience and prayerfulness, until happily your hands again are joined in heavenly bliss, to be parted not again forever. "Thus saith the Lord—Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." "And the Lord God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it, and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers." "Therefore, now return ye, and get you unto your tents, and unto the land of your possession."

Are any of you Methodists neglecting your class? Why is it so? Have you become so strong in faith as to be able to stand alone—to be independent of that intimate communion of saints, that sanctifying fellowship, once the delightful source from which you derived so much spiritual strength and growth in grace? Or