

On the contrary, let "us covet earnestly the best gifts," following "peace with all men" and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." In the ordinances of Christianity we are still to seek the fulfillment of the Divine promises. We counsel you to make every sacrifice possible in order to unite with the great congregation in the solemnities of public worship. In the offering of praise, let every one endeavor to "sing with the Spirit and with the understanding." When prayer is presented, not only silently join in acts of confession and petition, but, at suitable times, "let all the people say Amen." Expect under every sermon to receive a blessing; and "as often" as the sacramental bread and cup are dispensed "do ye show forth," with penitent faith, and grateful acknowledgment, the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus Christ. Privileged as we are to regard the promises of God as confirmed, not only to us, but to our children, let us early and publicly dedicate them in His own appointed way, to the service of Christ, and let us faithfully follow up that consecration by Scriptural training, domestic worship, and a holy example. Such care and Christian influence as this must, under the blessing of God, largely contribute to the consolidation and extension of true religion.

Where deep concern in the work of God is cherished, where temptation is guarded against, and duty is gladly discharged, the class meeting will invariably be regarded as at once a means of grace and an occasion of blessing. To the earnest soul, its utility is beyond all question. It prompts to self-examination. It awakens and diffuses Christian sympathy—the best fruit of purest friendship—and it trains our souls alike for the active duties or the afflictive sufferings of this life, and for the nobler enjoyments of the life which is to come. If apathy, regarding this institution, has crept in among any of our people, let them at once remove it by seeking an increase of personal holiness, and let them begin by immediately renewing their attendance at the class room.

But above all our wants, is that of the "richer energy" of the Holy Spirit in our midst. We need this on every Circuit, in every household, in every heart; we need it in order to be

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