

proclaimed the Gospel throughout the whole Roman Empire (which was then spread over nearly the whole of Europe, and the most enlightened parts of Asia, and Africa.) Had we, Brethren, the same measure of vital piety in our hearts, we should have the same disposition to devote our time, our talents, and worldly possessions, and even our blood, to advance and extend the blessings of the Cross to our fellow creatures. We should not then think of accumulating wealth, unless with an intention of rendering it subservient to the interests of Religion, by offering it up upon the holy altar of christian benevolence. It is manifest that even the Baptists in this little Province, were they imbued with the spirit of primitive christianity, might, by the sustaining power of divine grace, extend the blessing of "pure and undefiled Religion," farther than did the Disciples, in the first age of the Christian Church, during the same space of time. A thousand facilities are *now* enjoyed in the service of the Redeemer, that were not enjoyed *then*. How necessary is it *that our hearts be right!* for then all our movements in life would be *rightly directed*. Our affections must become ardently, habitually, unalterably bound to the Cross of Christ, before we shall feel our responsibility to Jehovah, and like the Primitive Saints, aim at the evangelization of the *whole* world. We can only arrive at such an elevated standard of christian love by constant prayer, and by communion with the word of God, and with God himself.

That, dear Brethren, there may be an approximation in the spiritual character of our piety, to that of those who were converted by the preaching of the Apostles, let us eschew worldly conformity. In the social circle, we should make redeeming love the principal topic of conversation. In the manner of our dress we should not be swayed by the vanity, and capricious taste of the infidels of Paris. We should remember that we are not of this world; and that it is therefore our duty to be plain in our apparel. What sums that belong to the treasury of the Lord, do professing christians annually squander away to gratify their vanity? Costly furniture, splendid equipages, and extravagant dress are not characteristic of christian sincerity. In our pecuniary transactions with our fellow men, let us be *honest* and *punctual*; and let not a spirit of covetousness betray us into extortion, or any other unjustifiable mode of acquiring the perishable riches of this world. In short, let us endeavour habitually to live in obedience to the commands of God; and then even the enemies of the Cross will acknowledge you to be "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people," that "shew forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvellous light."

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