

will, I think, bear me witness that I have given you "line upon line and precept upon precept" as regards this essential duty and blessed privilege of the Christian believer. While cautioning you against the prevailing error in regard to that Sacrament of exalting it above everything else in religion, and considering that if you are only communicants all is right with your souls—and that there is a real corporeal presence of Christ therein (which I believe to be as much at variance with scripture and the teaching of our church, as it is contrary to our reason) I trust I have duly urged upon you, time after time, the necessity of that holy ordinance, in remembrance of your dying and risen Lord, if you would grow in grace and be acknowledged by Him as His faithful servants. "This do," said He, in the last moments of His precious life. How can we face Him if we leave it undone? Once more then, most dearly beloved, do I "bid you in the name of God, I call you in Christ's behalf, I exhort you as you love your own salvation that you, who have not yet done so, will henceforth lose no opportunity of being partakers of that heavenly feast." Fear not to come, if you desire to love and please that Saviour who gave himself for you. Rather fear to stay away. Nothing should keep us from it but loving and living in actual unrepented sin. And that will keep us from Heaven. You may confidently expect to meet your Lord at his Table. Not in the *substance* of the Bread and Wine, but *spiritually*, in your own hearts, by faith, when devoutly doing as He has bidden you. Away then, my dear friends with all excuses, which will not be accepted before God. Come at once, the very next time after you read this. And if "you cannot quiet your own conscience herein but require further comfort and counsel," you know how gladly I will give it, to the best of my ability, pointing out to you how in God's holy word you may find all fears and scruples removed, and be "received as worthy partakers of that Holy Table," not worthy of course in yourselves to gather up even the crumbs that fall from it, but accounted so by your Lord, when you are deeply convinced of your own unworthiness.

I would very earnestly enforce all this, especially upon those who have been confirmed under my care in Salem and since we moved to Trinity. Many of you have never advanced the next and most important step, and knelt at the table of Him with