

not have dominion over us. It is the mission of the Lord Christ not only to make us "safe" in the future, but to teach us how to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Whoever else has left us, He remains. Whoever else has lost hope, He still believes to the uttermost. Whoever else has ceased to care, His love endures forever. Because He answers the cry of the groaning spirit, and unites our human need to His Divine sufficiency, therefore He is the supreme Deliverer from the vice of intemperance and every other kind of evil, translating us out of the bondage of sin into the glorious freedom of the children of God.