

deemer, with kind affection for one another, and with disinterested benevolence to all mankind. I trust that you have formed the holy resolution of denying yourself to every thing which is contrary to the precepts, or inconsistent with the spirit, of the religion you profess—of performing every duty which is required of you in your various circumstances and relations—of cultivating that purity of heart, and that righteousness of deportment, which become the followers of Christ, and the expectants of heaven. If, communicants, you are thus faithful, thus penitent, thus affectionate, thus holy in your purposes and your conduct—if you can lay your hand upon your heart, and say with truth that you possess, in any good measure, these necessary qualifications—and if, with all those, you are yet humbled under a sense of your imperfections, and are earnestly praying for mercy to pardon, and for grace to sanctify, and assist, and guide you—then may we safely declare, that for you this table is spread, and this feast prepared, and confidently promise that your service will be acceptable to the God of ordinances, and that it will prove “a savour of life unto “life” to your souls.

Eat and drink then in remembrance of Christ, according to his dying commandment; and may the Lord himself be with you, to bless you with the comforts of his presence, to accept your offering, to “grant you according to your own heart,” and “fulfil all your petitions!”

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