

Himself? Surely you need all the grace you can have! Ye toilers, ye poor, ye who earn your bread by the sweat of your brow, ye have many trials, and many sorrows. Your path is beset with temptations, and wants, and griefs. Here you can find both strength and consolation. To this feast of love Jesus Himself invites you, saying, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And yet but few accept his gracious invitation, and the mass pay no heed. Why is this? There are several reasons, with some of them I can deal, with others I cannot.

One reason of this wide-spread neglect is to be traced to the false spiritualism to be found in much of the popular religion of the day. The one-sided, and therefore wholly mistaken Puritan spirit is fond of saying, "Oh! it is not Sacraments that will save us, but belief in Christ." And this wretched perversion actually deceives many. Why, my friends, we all know that we must believe in Jesus Christ, or we cannot be saved; but what is it to believe in Him? Surely, to believe in Him includes this, that we believe His words; and He has said, "Take, eat, this is my Body: Do this in remembrance of Me;" and again, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." Our Saviour, I suppose it will be granted, *means* these words when He says them. If we believe them, we shall act up to them; if we do not believe them, how can we claim to be saved by our belief in Christ! People, who ought to know better, sometimes speak as if there were an *antagonism* between preaching