

God is infinite in His mercy and impartial in His love, and gives to us the same right and title to the tree of life as he did to Adam; and we through transgression fall and go into bondage, as did the children of Israel, which resulted in a state of hardness of heart, wherein they were not prepared to receive the perfect law, but were in due course of time led back to it by Moses and the Prophets until they were ready for the more excellent law revealed in the life of Jesus Christ, who became the light of the world, because he lived that life in perfection through obedience, and thus gained the right to say, "I am the light of the world"; and he passing this perfect way of life on to his disciples, and to us, said in the Sermon on the Mount, "Ye are the light of the world." Much of the life of the world depends upon us, as we are the crowning piece of creation, and in proportion to our faithfulness is this creation's perfection.

Our perfection is to be even the perfection of our Father in Heaven. The Christ of God was in the world before Jesus came to humanity, for he says, "Before Abraham was I am." It was from the beginning, it was the "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me," which every believer acknowledges by their action, and it did not go out of the world when Jesus was crucified. Christ never was crucified only as men did in their own souls. Jesus never crucified Christ. It was this Christ that was sent into the world, that whosoever believeth should not perish, but have everlasting life. This it is that I would call you to. He still lives. Jesus said to the disciples, "If I go away from you, I will send the Comforter even the spirit of truth, which shall lead you to all truth."

This Christ, this light, of the world is the word that will be a lamp to thy feet, and a light unto thy path, enabling thee to "do justly and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.

Let us come individually to this Christ within and acknowledge it to the

world, for "whosoever is ashamed of me and my words, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Let us close in with the offer of Divine love, applying it practically to our individual lives, and come to understand that this life of Christ in Jesus is the light of Christ in us, and will enlighten us on the pathway of life.

Allow me to explain by referring to an outward illustration. Along our sea coasts are stationed lighthouses to guide seafaring men on their voyages, so they may steer clear of shoals and rocks and all dangers. I have been up in the lighthouse, and have observed the great care necessary to keep the windows and reflectors clean and clear from tarnish and corroding dust. It is a daily duty, and if neglected day by day and week by week, the light will be obscured and will fail to shed its warning beams over the broad expanse of waters. This is true of our own lives. We are the keepers of the light of Christ, the light of our lives. He or she that would come after me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life. Dear hearts, be up and doing each day to keep the light shining brightly. Daily application to the windows and reflectors is required. By the life which are the windows and the character which is the reflector is a man known. By their fruits ye shall know them. Is thy light burning this afternoon? Are the windows clean and the reflector bright; or is there something troubling us? If so, our lives are not right; they do not give forth the true light, and our vessel may become shipwrecked. There is some spot or corrosion on the life or character. It may be that we have taken advantage of a brother, that we have used a hard word, have yielded unduly to some appetite, or given way to the lust of the flesh or the pride of life, or a selfish love for the world.

These spots, whatever they may be, can be cleansed only by applying the