

great to be forgiven? We can press on him the evil of his sins, and at the same time assure him that there is abundant merit in Jesus, on the ground of which they may be all fully and forever forgiven. Is he prone to look into his own heart, and thus increase his difficulties and troubles? We can point him to an object that is fitted to attract and captivate his soul, and fill him with peace and joy. The Gospel we make known brings God near as loving him, and as ready for the sake of Jesus, who died for him, to pardon all his sins. Is he waiting for a day of power? We can assure him that God is waiting to be gracious to him,—that a converting influence is at his heart, to which it is his immediate duty to surrender his soul,—that Jesus stands at the door of his heart and knocks, and that he needs to hear his voice and open the door, by believing in Jesus' atonement for all his sins, in order to be blessed with the indwelling presence of Jesus.

The adaptation of our theology to missionary effort is made evident by the fact, that in times of revival, it is such doctrines as those which are proclaimed by E. Unionists, which are for the most part preached. The love of God to sinners in the death of Jesus for their sins, the immediate duty of sinners to repent and believe the Gospel, to come at once to Christ, and depend entirely on his atoning blood, are ever-recurring ideas in the addresses of revivalists.

It would be easy to show that these views of divine truth which we hold are suited to the edification of believers in Jesus. But into this department of the subject, inviting though it is, I will not enter. We have shown how the Gospel is fitted to furnish and qualify the preacher for his work; let what was said on that, suffice at this time to make manifest its power to increase the holiness of believers. Christians need to glory in the cross.

And now, beloved brethren, are we using the power to do good to the souls of men which God has put within our reach? O let us regard the salvation and sanctification of the souls of men as our proper work. It may be necessary, in certain circumstances, to carry on a controversial warfare; but let us ever keep in view, as our highest aim, the glory of our God; and, as subordinate to this ultimate end, the good of men's souls. And let us meekly and humbly seek to promote the eternal weal of souls by the "manifestation of the truth." O let us seek by earnest prayer, a fresh baptism of the Spirit of God, that our minds may be full of heavenly light, and our hearts full of holy fire, and then God will own and bless our labours more abundantly.