

and peace—all promised to them who make those pages their study. May you all become like those noble disciples at Berea, "who searched the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so."*

5. Neglect not, I entreat you, that heavenly feast, to which you are so lovingly called and bidden from month to month. I can add nothing on this subject so forcible as the touching exhortation which we read in Church, and which I marvel that any can hear unmoved. While we rejoice that so many do come to the Lord's Table, we desire to have yet more, believing that none can innocently leave the Saviour's dying command undone. Of those who have been confirmed in our chapel, too many have not yet taken this next and most important step to which they were so solemnly pledged at confirmation. O consider earnestly with yourselves, dear brethren, that if you are not fit to come to the Communion, you are not fit to die, and *that* may be your lot ere another opportunity. You must seek the grace of God in the means which He has appointed; and the highest of all these is this Sacrament of Christ's precious body and blood. It is not made for angels, but for poor sinners, who feel themselves such, and are looking to the Cross of Christ for salvation. The more unworthy you feel yourselves to be, the fitter you are to eat and drink at His table. We teach not (because we believe not) that the mere taking of the Sacrament will be enough, but rather as our Church has it, that if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive it, we are one with Christ and Christ with us.† And when you do come, let it be with the resolution of coming *often*.‡ If a good thing at all, it is good always. Some of you, who are already communicants, are unmindful of this, and are too infrequent in your approaches to the Lord's

* Acts xvii. 11. † Communion Service. ‡ 1 Cor. ii. 26.