

CHAPTER II.

Reasons for Winning the New Canadians to Christ

Many Canadians have asked me, "Why should we preach the Gospel to the New Canadians and especially to the Roman and the Greek Catholics since their respective churches are preaching it?" But when we know the fact that these people pray to the Virgin Mary instead of to Christ, that they believe that the priests can forgive sins, that they worship images and ikons, that they believe in the existence of purgatory, that there is more than one mediator, that they pray for the dead, and they sprinkle infants and believe that this ceremony washes away original sin and transforms them into Christians, etc., we are certainly justified and it is our duty to give them the real truth of God embodied in His glorious Gospel which will open their eyes to see Jesus Christ the only Saviour of mankind.

FIRST, we should win these people to Christ, *for God's sake*. Who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

SECONDLY, we should win them to Christ *for their own sake*. It has been said that the Roman and the Greek Catholic churches have something for the people that the Baptists cannot give them. What is it? It is faith in a man. It is the worship of Ikons. It is the belief that somehow in the hour of death salvation is delayed by the absence of the priest. It is the teaching that the time and the way in which a soul enters heaven depends upon human agencies.

Here is our great opportunity to tell them that no man has any right to come between a soul and God, that every soul has its own responsibility and stands alone, face to face with God, with no priest, patriarch nor pope, nor even any creed, except the Word of God written in the New Testament, that Christ alone is the Saviour of mankind (Acts 4:12).

THIRDLY, we should win them to Christ *for our own sake*. To every disciple of Jesus Christ who has experiences the saving