

Come to Christ

Yet a little while and the trump shall sound, the dead shall arise, and you must all appear before the tribunal of Christ... Since the blessed Jesus has not yet appeared in the character of an inexorable Judge, let me again repeat the exhortation and beseech you in the name of Christ, by all the sufferings of His life and all the bitter agonies of His bloody passion to be reconciled to God and to fly to the hope that is set before you. Let me adjure you by all the ineffable joys of heaven that He has purchased by His death, by all the unutterable torments of hell, which will be the portion of those who despise His grace, to have compassion on your immortal souls and them to the care of Him who is mighty to save.

Listen, He calls to you from His cross, where He died as a sacrifice for the sins of men, He speaks to you from heaven, where he now dwells in inaccessible glory: "Look unto Me, all ye ends of the earth, and be saved." He rises, as it were, from His throne to stretch out the sceptre of His mercy to you. He opens those arms that were once nailed to the accursed tree to

receive and embrace you. Why, then, will you not give yourselves up to so kind, so gentle, so condescending a Saviour? Why will you not put your trust in that grace which has been the refuge of the saints in all ages, and never yet deceived any who put their confidence in it? Are you willing to be made clean from all your sinful pollutions? Are you willing to be saved from your guilt and danger? Are you willing to receive this as the free gift of God through the merits of Christ?

Arise, then, whoever you are. The Master is calling you. Cast yourself into His gracious arms. Or if this is too bold a thought, cast yourselves at His feet; trust in Him for all salvation. Fear not, for as you seek Jesus, a bruised reed he will not break, and the smoking flax will not be quenched (Matthew 12:20).

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