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"I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." I Corinthians 9:22

Paul's great object was not merely to instruct and improve, but to save. Anything short of this would have disappointed him; he would have men renewed in heart, forgiven, sanctified; in fact, saved. Have our Christian labours been aimed at anything below this great point? Then let us amend our ways, for of what avail will it be at the last great day to have taught and moralized men if they appear before God unsaved? Blood-red will our hands be if through life we have sought inferior things, and forgotten that what men need is to be saved.

Paul knew the ruin of man's natural state, and did not try to educate him, but to save him; he saw men sinking down to hell, and did not talk of refining them, but of saving them from the wrath to come. To compass their salvation, he gave himself fully with untiring zeal to preaching abroad the gospel, to warning and beseeching men to be reconciled to God. His prayers were importunate and his labors incessant. To save souls was his consuming passion, his ambition, his calling. He became a servant of all men, toiling for his race, feeling a woe within him if he preached not the gospel. He laid aside his preferences to prevent prejudice; he submitted his will in things indifferent, and if men would only receive the gospel, he raised no questions about form or ceremonies: the gospel was the one all-important business with him. If he might save some, then he would be content. This was the crown for which he strove, the sole and sufficient reward of all his labors and self-denials

Dear reader, have you and I lived to win souls at this noble rate?? Are we possessed with the same all-consuming desire?? If not, why not ?? Jesus died for sinners, cannot we live for them ? Where is our compassion ?? Where our love for Christ, if we seek not his honor in the saving of men ??

Oh, that the Lord would saturate us through and through with an undying zeal for the souls of men.

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