

I am told by that which cannot lie, that the fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, long suffering, and so on. And now, my dear brethren, where are those precious fruits? Inquire only for a moment after that glorious principle, to wit, love, do you find it by diligent search? You may now and then meet with that divine principle which emanated from the throne of God, and is the companion only of the saints of God.—I know the world is full of what she calls joy, but it appears to me that it springs from the spirit of mastery or proselyting, that now infests the world.

Depraved, fallen, yea, and proud nature, forbids the idea, of men submitting to the plain truths, laws, and ordinances of Christ, as delivered unto his church. On the other hand, the thoughts of living out of the church does not agree with their feelings; therefore, in order to give some kind of rest to the mind, they form societies, give them such laws and ordinances as they think proper and then tell the public this society is at least a branch of the church of Christ. And then for proselyting, and the more members the more joy; while the spirit of Christ appears to be known but little amongst them.

And yet, because they increase in numbers, they tell us they are the church of Jesus Christ. And upon this principle, the church of Rome could contend that she was the church of Christ, when she filled the world with her most wretched doctrine. Baal's prophets might on the same ground, argue they were right; and Israel could argue they were right, when they had gone into idolatry. And those few that sighed and cried for all the abominations that were committed in Jerusalem, were wrong. But when he who was clothed with the linen, and carried the ink horn by his side, comes to set the mark, we find these few in number were right, Ezekiel, 9 chap. If numbers are to decide who is right, the matter is settled; for the people of God have always been a small body.

I hear the Lord say, straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leads to life, and few there be that find it. But you will, in general hear a system preached, that makes the way so broad that all may walk therein. And yet they say, the spirit must illuminate the mind, but the creature must commence the work.

And I am at a loss to know, according to the do and live system, how we are to be saved; for I hear the Lord say, by the mouth of Paul, there is none that doeth good, no not one. Rom. 3 c. and 12 v.—David Jacks, 1842.

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