

LOVE FOR SOULS



*He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way
shall save a soul from death.*

—James 5:20

What a wonderful thought, that I may save a soul from everlasting death! How can this be? I must convert him from the error of his ways. This is the calling not only of the minister, but also of every Christian: to work for the salvation of sinners.

When Christ and His love takes possession of our hearts, He gives us this love so that we might bring others to Him. In this way, Christ's kingdom is extended. Everyone who has the love of Christ in his heart is commissioned to tell others. This was the case in the early church. After the Day of Pentecost, people went out and told of the love of Christ, which they had themselves experienced. Heathen writers have told us that the rapid spread of Christianity in the first century was due to the fact that each convert, being filled with the love of Christ, tried to deliver the Good News to others.

What a change has come over the church! Many Christians never try to win others to Christ. Their love is so weak and faint that they have no desire to help others. May the time soon come when Christians will feel constrained to tell of the love of Christ. In a particular revival in Korea, the converts were filled with such a burning love for Christ that they felt bound to tell others of His love. It was even taken as a test of membership that each one should have brought another to the Lord before being admitted to the church.

Reader, examine your heart. Pray that, in fellowship with Christ, you will not only think of your own soul, but having received the gift of God's love, will also pass it on to others. You will then know true happiness, the joy of bringing souls to Christ.

Let us pray earnestly to be so filled with God's love that we may wholeheartedly surrender ourselves to win others for Him.