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Morning Lesson, 1Peter 2.

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4. vv 30-32.

Some of you will appreciate the tremendous, solemn weight of the holy and important subject on my mind, For having received it from the Lord it is impossible to withdraw from it, nor would we wish to, because just in front of us is the launch into eternity; and before us this afternoon is the Communion of the Body and blood of Christ, and if we eat and drink unworthily we eat and drink damnation to ourselves. (1 Cor.11.29). So I wish to be God's servant and speak with the authority of the glorious Trinity and deliver my soul and be pure from the blood of all men, so when I stand before God and my Judge, having entered within the veil, and later at the Day of Judgment none of your souls' blood rests on me.

I want to emphasise the holy, sacred, solemn, blessed truth that is before us, and it will be delivered to the preacher and to the people. I want as helped to preach the word, and I shall sit under it myself as one of you. We shall seek by the grace of God ever to proclaim His truth in love, for all is in vain that is not done in love. So faithfulness and love is the spirit of the whole subject.

Why is this exhortation of such tremendous importance to us? Because there is a sin unto death: it is a sin God Himself can never forgive. There is a very easy attitude in the minds of many people which derives from the pit. It is this; beware of it: an infusion into the mind that God is merciful, and this infusion of a suggestion that God is so merciful derives from a Satanic influence which will only increase in

the minds of people a sense of liberty to sin against God, with the suggestion that is so erroneous and God-dishonouring as though almost at any time you can say to God; "I am sorry." and get away with it. If this persists and you absorb such doctrines of devils concerning God being so merciful to men and your false liberty to sin, your doom will be in the bottomless pit. God is merciful, holy, just, righteous. You must have the character of God in perfect balance in Jehovah Jesus; and the grace of God will not lead you to a false, unholy liberty. It will produce in you a hatred to sin, and a desire to be washed, cleansed, pardoned; a desire to live a holy life, in holiness and righteous before Him all your days.

The exhortation which commences the body of our text is exceedingly solemn because we know there is a sin against the Holy Ghost which is never forgiven. How utterly terrible to be a mortal on the face of the earth who is guilty of the unpardonable sin; who has done despite to the Spirit of grace. I do not profess to have grace or ability to expound. We know from the Word of God that this is the Lord's pronouncement. I want to emphasise therefore, the solemnity of our existence and of every fleeting moment of our life. How sacred is your strength and time! We need to use every moment to the glory of God; and two things are certain, Death, and after this the Judgment, and we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. I want to underline this; the terrible potential of the fallen nature of man. When you consider this in the avenues<sup>s</sup> referred to here, as thought, speech, acts, behaviour, it is a solemn thing to live. I have to bow before God and ask Him to keep my thoughts, to keep the door of my lips; to keep me every moment so that I may come to the close of the day and feel that nothing separates between God and my soul,- nothing grieves His Spirit. Is this a weight on your spirit?

I will take up the subject by the help of God,- and I need your prayers,- and seek to analyse it. It is one of the tremendous exhortation in the Book of God to His saints: it is written to the Church of God. I want you to prayerfully, soberly consider each word in the verse. And. Is it of any importance? I would suggest so. You know it is a joining word, a word of reference that relates to what is antecedent, and without

dilating on it you will know the early part of the chapter relates to the one Church of God; the mystical Body of Christ, and so to the vital union with the Lord Himself. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." And. I will therefore ask a question. What is your position before God? Are you in holy relationship with Christ? Do you profess that He is your Saviour, your Beloved, Father, Friend, and you have vital union to Him by pure holy faith? If so, the word 'and' carries great significance. Let us remember the solemnity of the profession of the Name of Jesus, - all we have declared concerning Him and of the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

There are two holy doctrines which must be evaluated before we continue. First, there is a blessed inference of the indwelling Spirit. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost? (1Cor.6.19) A true Christian, a vital character in grace, possesses the Holy Spirit of God. (This is of course, a sequence from Whit-Monday) If we have received the anointing of the Spirit then we possess the indwelling Spirit. Ponder, tremble; does the Holy Ghost indwell me? Ponder too, what is my state in religion if the Holy Spirit does not indwell me? if I am destitute of the Holy Ghost? What if the Holy Spirit does not take up His abode in my soul? You must face these solemn questions. Do you feel persuaded that the Holy Spirit indwells you? I want to say to you before I propound this doctrine; life is so rapid, and you are so preoccupied with a host of perishing things, you will find your end comes before you know you are there. With all the rush and tear you will find it is your last gasping moment;- "I am going into eternity." Are you ready to meet God? Oxygen will not save you when your time comes. "I am going." You may say Goodbye, and you are gone. I am here to bring before you these divine verities. Think of to day as if it is your last. Are you ready? Prepare to meet thy God. Presently you may feel, "there is no time now." I know you may come back to me and say; "If I am a child of God I shall be prepared." Has this priority over all perishing things? These are grand mysteries of the Kingdom, unfathomed by human sagacity. When Christ ascended into heaven He sent another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth, so Jesus Himself, (not in His Person, He is exalted in heaven,) but by His

Spirit He indwells souls. If I said Amen now there is quite sufficient for you to assimilate for the rest of the day. Go away on your own and plead with the Lord to make it clear to you, to cleanse you, to make you ready to meet Him. If the Holy Spirit indwells you, "what manner of persons ought ye to be?" What would you expect of these? That they should be Christ-like, live to the glory of God, that men may take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus. Does therefore the Holy Spirit indwell us? I wish I could communicate to this congregation the concentration of holiness that accompanies this; to feel you are all glorious within. There is a glory in your soul that exceeds your sin the glory of the indwelling Spirit: - to feel you have a concentration of spirituality, unction, glory: your soul would leap out of its tabernacle and enter glory. You have an intense longing to leave your heavy clay.

So do you know the indwelling Spirit? Do you know what it is to find the world receding from your view; earthly goods no longer have the priority? Christ and heaven increase in preciousness, worth and wonder. There is a weaning from all below and a carefulness of your very thoughts, eyes, ears, tongue, hands and feet,- every member. You desire to live only to the glory of God; to live close to Him, and never to wander from Him or grieve Him more. Do you feel this? If you get communion with your Saviour you will feel the complete vanity of all below.

"What is this world to me?  
This world is not my home:  
A scene of pain, of grief, and woe;  
When will my Saviour come? (948)

So here is the glorious doctrine, the doctrine of the indwelling of Christ by His Spirit.

Then, and this is a sequence from Whit-Monday,- this is one of the blessed prerogatives of the Lord in the Kingdom; the doctrine of the sealing of the saints; "whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption Let me take your minds to this certain channel of sealing. If you are interested in legal documents, and you are, you know nothing is valid

until it is sealed: it must be finalised. Especially in the old days they had wax melted, and there was the impress of authority on it. The document was sealed; the transaction was sealed: it was valid and potent. It is one of the sacred offices of the Holy Spirit of God to seal the saints to the day of redemption. I will give you a few synonymous words. ratification, gratification; it is signed, and sealed, and ratified. Where this is you have got something to take to God through life and when you die. Your heart, soft in love, worship and praise, is wax, and it bears the impress of the King's seal. Are you sealed to the day of redemption? Our once crucified, dead and buried, now risen, ascended, exalted Saviour,- His impress is on your heart: you are sealed unto the day of redemption. This is a thought that alarms me,- I wonder if I have ever heard the sealing preached. It is a blessed ratification of all the work of the Holy Ghost in the soul. It is a proof of the validity of the transaction. You are a redeemed soul, pardoned and cleansed; the King's seal is in your soul. I ask you, and you may not be able to answer; are you sealed to the day of redemption? You can have writing,- this is a forensic subject: but there is nothing valid or settled until you get the seal, then the thing is done. There are so many contracts to day that get almost to the end, but they are never completed. Are you sealed? Go home to day and do business in great waters with God because you have not long. Ask Him to seal you and prove you have the indwelling Spirit by sealing into the day of redemption.

I will give you one or two words from the Scriptures and hymns. This is a perfect expression; Israel said; "It is enough." You say that relates to Joseph." No; everything was bound up with it, and it is with you. You will come to a moment in your life when you will say; "It is enough." You have received the seal.

"Twas signed, and sealed, and ratified;  
In all things ordered well." (411)

The whole efficacy of the Covenant of grace derives from this,- Christ sealed it with His own blood. If it had never been sealed there would have been no validity or efficacy to save a soul. The virtue, validity and efficacy of the Covenant derives from the shedding and sealing with

vital blood. Come, my friends, are you sealed? You are dying sinners; has the Holy Ghost sealed you unto the day of redemption? I cannot express to you the intensity of satisfaction this soul has concerning eternal redemption. Satan will never move you from this blessed Rock and sure abode, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Amen.