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The message of the crucified Saviour is, "Come". Let us, who have heeded it, hear and obey his resurrection message, "Go". "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole Creation". For this, we especially need two things - the true endowment and the true message. For the true endowment we are to wait ^{on} the Lord in continual surrender and trust. The true message is also essential for successful work. At the day of Pentecost the wonderful result of the preaching of the disciples was due not only to the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, but to the fact that the proclaimed Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

The true minister must have in some degree the vision of God as revealed in Jesus Christ: he must also have fresh messages from on high for the people.

Beware of getting into ruts, either in forms of expression or in the methods employed or in the parts of truth that are emphasized. The gospel message is wide. Changing times, the changing aspect of things, require new presentations of truth, ^{from} widely differing points of view. Nevertheless the essential truth remains the same, that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth

in him should not perish but have ^{everlasting} eternal life". Let us carry both for the power and for the message, but when the command comes let obedience be prompt and full.

The message is not necessarily to be waited for until we get into meeting. It may be given to us beforehand, though always, at the time it is delivered there should be the immediate sense of divine guidance. Our ordinary engagements, our regular business, our daily experiences, our reading - all will prove aids to us if we are in the right spirit. Bible study is most important, not in the preparation of a special sermon, but to store the mind with truth, that out of our treasury at the needed time we may at the will of the Lord bring forth things new and old.

Is there in our lives any grace or power that we have reserved for ourselves? If so, then that is what is to be yielded surrendered to the Lord God. A great Cross is sustained by the Church through the fact that messages have been entrusted to children of the Lord, who they have failed to deliver.

In the delivery of a message let us seek after true simplicity of style and speech, so that those who hear