

A Revived Church -- the Only Hope for a Dying World

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Description

Andrew Murray emphasizes that the church holds the responsibility of continuing Christ's work on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit. He explains that just as Christ was sent by the Father, the church and its members are called to be witnesses, illuminating the darkness of the world. The Holy Spirit is essential in convicting the world of sin and revealing Christ through believers. Murray calls for the church to be wholly devoted to this mission, embodying the light of Christ to lead others from darkness into light.

Transcript

The church has the charge of the world entrusted to it. When Christ had finished his work on earth, and went to heaven to carry it on there, he spoke of two powers to whom the continuation of the work on earth was to be committed.

He spoke of the Holy Spirit, who, equally with God himself and the Father, should come in his name to convict the world of sin, and be a divine power in his disciples to reveal himself in them, and so make them witnesses for him to the ends of the earth.

He spoke of his disciples as those whom he sent into the world, even as the Father had sent him. Just as entirely as he had lived to do the Father's will in saving men and women, was his Spirit to do that work too. And just as wholly as the Spirit was to be devoted to that work, was the body, the church, to be set apart for it too.

The whole body of believers, and every individual believer, was to be like Christ, the light of the world, placed in the world with the one definite, exclusive object of enlightening its darkness, and bringing men and women out of darkness into light.

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