

Communion

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The Christian's holy privilege is to cultivate a deep and intimate relationship with Christ, casting all their care upon Him and trusting in His loving care.

Scripture: Psalm 34:18, Psalm 55:22, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 11:28, John 15:5, Romans 8:28, Philippians 4:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Hebrews 4:16, 1 Peter 5:7

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Description

A.W. Pink emphasizes the importance of intimate communion with Christ, encouraging believers to approach Him with childlike simplicity and honesty, sharing every burden and care without restraint. He highlights that pride often hinders this relationship, as many Christians tend to rely on their own strength for minor troubles instead of casting all their cares upon the Lord. Pink reassures that God is always accessible and desires a close friendship with His followers, where they can unburden their hearts and find rest in His care. He reminds us that true Christian living is practical and involves constant communication with Christ, who lovingly bears our burdens. Ultimately, Pink calls believers to humble themselves and trust in God's provision for every aspect of their lives.

Transcript

This means just what it says. Christian reader, there ought to be no restraint between you and the Lover of your soul. He would have you be on, and maintain, more intimate terms with Himself, than with any human creature. He is always accessible, and never changes in His feelings toward you. He would have you make Him your "Friend": not only your Counselor, but your Confident-the One into whose ear (and the only one) you are to pour the very secrets of your heart. He would have you be quite artless and natural, just like a little child coming to its mother, pouring into her ear its every little woe, trouble, and disappointment. when harassed by any soul-troubles, such as a feeling of coldness of heart toward Him, burdened about a lack of faith, or because your thoughts so often wander when you try to meditate on Divine things, or in prayers; come to Him, tell Him all about it, unburden yourself to Him: cast "all your care upon Him," keep back nothing when something has irritated you, disturbed your composure of mind and peace of soul: when someone has said or done something which causes a resentment to rise within you, and you find it hard to forgive them; go and tell the Lord about it: confess to Him that this ought not to be, that you are ashamed of yourself, and ask Him to lay His calming hand upon you, and to give you a forgiving spirit. Or suppose something in the household arrangements has "gone wrong," something which you could not help: perhaps the milkman or the baker is late, or the stove is not cooking as you wish, and

you are disturbed: go to Him, tell Him about it, cast this "care" upon Him. You can never weary" the Lord.

It is the Christian's holy privilege to cultivate the most familiar converse with Christ. Nothing more honours Him, nothing more delights Him, for this is giving Him His true place in your daily life. The "Christian life" is not the vague and mystical thing which the unsaved deem it to be, and which some preachers have made people think it is. No, it is an intensely practical and blessed thing. It is pride (quite unsuspected) which hinders so many from maintaining this simple and childlike converse and communion with Christ. People are ready to call upon Him when some big thing (as they think it) confronts them, some really urgent need comes up; but the little (?) things they seek to carry and work out them selves. But God's Word says, "in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6).

Above, we have said that it is "pride" which keeps back the Christian from casting all (every) his care upon Christ. The proof of this is intimated in the verse immediately preceding (1 Pet. 5:7): for there we read, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." It is an humbling thing to our haughty flesh, our self-sufficiency, our proud reason, to be made to feel the truth of Christ's words "without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5)--acceptably to God. But it is a blessed thing for the heart when we are brought to the place of complete conscious dependency upon the Lord for everything. That is the place of rest, joy, victory. May the Lord be pleased to add His blessing to these few lines.

The Lord's Care of His People

"Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." (1 Pet. 5:7) what a perfect rest do we get when on coming to the Lord Jesus we take His yoke upon us, the yoke which He Himself ever wore, and which He now lovingly imposes upon all His people. O, it is an easy yoke and a light burden. Love joyfully accepts what infinite love imposes. We then are satisfied in knowing that every interest of ours is unspeakably precious to Him: that every hair is counted: every tear is put into His bottle, and that every sigh is noted. Nothing can harm those whom He keeps as the apple of His eye. Our one and only danger is that we begin to plan for ourselves and thus virtually take ourselves out of His hands. He will bring us at whatever cost of suffering to us, to commit ourselves absolutely to His loving and perfectly trusted hands.

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