

More (Mye) - Comm<sup>th</sup> of Term  
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Whatever ye do in word or deed,  
do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
Coloss. iii: 17

I have felt a desire, my  
friends, and I have thought that  
it would not be inappropriate, in  
the circumstances under which  
this term commences, to address  
a few words to you today, which may  
help to guide & encourage you in  
your studies in this place, and  
may furnish you with principles  
which sh<sup>d</sup> be displayed in your  
every day life. And in looking for  
some passage in the word of God  
which would answer these ends,



none occurred to me wh app?  
more suitable than that wh I have  
just quoted. We may take this  
passage as the law of Christian  
living & the practice; laid down at  
first for the members of the Church  
at Colosse, but designed to apply to  
the members of every Christian Community  
throughout the world.

The religion of Christ is not  
<sup>so much</sup> a system of doctrines, ~~but~~ of living  
principles. It does not consist in  
holding certain forms of faith &  
observing certain duties wh He has  
laid down; but in living by faith  
in Him, and for Him, with Him.  
The true Christian is one who is in Christ;  
grafted into him by a spiritual  
union; and who lives by the

strength wh He receives from  
him for His honour & glory. He  
has felt the quickening power  
of His death & resurrection, and has  
surrendered himself, as a sinner  
saved by His grace, to His will & service.  
The love of Christ toward him is a  
powerfully constraining motive; &  
the question wh often forces itself  
upon his mind is: What can I do  
for Him who has done so much for  
me. He feels that he is not his own:  
that he belongs to Christ; that he  
has merged himself in Him, as  
the wife merges herself in her  
husband, and vows to love, honour,  
and obey him unto death.

The point in the exhortation  
is that we are to carry these  
principles into all we say & all we do.



Whatsoever &c.

But does it follow from this, that we to be always speaking of Him, and declaring our attach-ment to Him? That is hardly the meaning of doing all in his name! The idea wh. such a phrase conveys is rather that we are to keep our relation to him ever before our minds, and that the principle of attachment to him & of devotion to his service sh<sup>d</sup> pervade all our actions, all our speech, & all our practice. I bear his name, I wear his living, I represent him before the world, I live to advance his cause - This is to be the guiding & governing motive of our lives & conduct. It is beautifully illus- trated by an event wh. Church

history records as having occurred in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century: The Churches of Lyons & Vienne were subjected to a fierce persecution, & many were put to death, because they wd not deny Christ. Amongst them was a youth named Sanctus, he was tortured and made to endure most barbarous indignities to induce him to <sup>renounce</sup> deny his Lord. He was asked his name, his nation, his state, whether he was a freeman or a slave. But to every inquiry, he replied - 'Christianus, sum'. I am a Christian'. Christ was to him name & state & race & every thing.

Now I assume to trust, my dear young friends, that you have thus given yourselves



unreservedly to Him who redeemed  
you with His blood: that it is y:  
earnest purpose & desire to live  
for Him, as well as by Him & in Him.  
You have come here, to carry out  
this purpose, and to obtain help  
and guidance to enable you to do  
this in the sacred calling of the  
ministry, if it should be God's will  
to call you by & by so to serve Him.

And let me say, that with  
out such a surrender of heart  
and life, all that you may do and  
gain in the way of study will be  
of little worth - so far as the great  
object of the Christian Ministry  
is concerned. The principle of that  
ministry is - 'We speak that we  
do know. & testify that we have  
seen.' And those whom God makes

use of to save other men those who  
can speak from their own experiences  
of the blessedness wh they have found  
in Jesus: who like Andrew to Simon  
can say - 'We have found the Messiah,  
wh is by interpretation Christ.'

We do trust that you can  
say this from your experience. And  
therefore I may urge you to take  
the principle of doing all in the name  
of the Lord into your studies, &  
let it animate you to diligence &  
perseverance in them.

Just think what a test  
it will impart to them, if you realize  
the fact that you are working  
at them in His name: that you  
are doing it for His sake, that  
you may be better fitted to serve



him. The work may be hard, the  
toil irksome; and sometimes the  
flesh may grow weary. But the  
thought that he ~~will~~ be honoured  
by your feeble efforts, & that you may  
thus acquire that ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> enable to  
guide some wandering soul to him,  
will animate you to persevere, & to  
follow on in the path appointed.

Some of you may have greater  
difficulties than others. Your previous  
education may have been of a lower  
standard. And consequently you  
have much more to do, & harder work  
to perform. New language perhaps,  
to learn, and thoughts altogether  
new to receive. You may perhaps  
be tempted - I know some are &  
have been - to ask - Is this  
necessary? Cannot I preach the

without this? Perhaps you might.  
But if by the study of the language  
with the h. I. has written, you can  
enter more fully into the meaning of  
the thoughts & ~~meanings~~ <sup>expressions</sup> of Paul &  
John & Peter; if you shall thus become  
able to remove a stumbling block from  
a weak brother, or become established  
in the truth yourself: will you not  
be stirred with greater energy to  
strive for the attainment, that the  
Lord Jesus who has saved you  
may be more glorified? And so,  
in every other department of study,  
if we enter upon it, and carry with  
us the principle while pursuing  
it, that we are doing it in His  
name, for his sake, & that we may  
be better equipped for his service,  
it will impart a dignity to the  
which might otherwise seem a



drudgery, and sweeten that  
we would without it be hard to  
toil through.

And acting in the same  
spirit, the discipline of college  
life and the discharge of the various  
duties which will devolve upon  
you here, will become a further means  
of honoring Him whom you call  
your Master, whose will you have  
submitted your own. What we  
should aim at as Christian men  
is to be like Christ; like him in  
the subjugation of self, like him  
in singleness of purpose, like him  
in devotedness to God, like him in  
purity, in holiness, & in love. And  
let us not forget that he left  
us an example, that we should  
follow his steps.

And let me add this  
is the way to make life cheerful,

happy, & joyous. The consequence  
that we are living in & for the Lord,  
far from inverting life with any  
thing like gloominess, restraint,  
and melancholy, ~~with~~ imparts  
a joy of which the world knows  
nothing, & a strength with no motive  
of ambition, or selfpleasing can  
ever bring. So then let us live by  
day; and so let us act; in  
our <sup>private study</sup> ~~studies~~, in our social inter-  
course, in the lecture room, in  
our recreations & amusements,  
and in every duty to which we  
may be called & appointed.  
Let all be done in the name of  
the Lord Jesus, giving thanks unto  
God the Father through Him.

Life, it has been said,  
is a Book: it may be a volume  
of layn or smaller sex: and



our conversion to God is but the  
little page on the surface. The  
book itself remains to be written.  
Our years & weeks & days are its  
chapters & leaves & lines. It is  
a book written for eternity: let  
us see that it be written well.  
It is a book for the inspection of  
Heaven as well as friends: let  
us be careful of every word.  
It is a book written under the eye  
of God; let it be done reverently,  
cheerfully, and so that He may  
be glorified.