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Rev. J. S. Barton, *Sermons*
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IV. ~~140~~. My the unity that comes to the church
from obedience to his command.
The blessing that follows obedience.
Why is unity necessary?

In the largest recorded prayer we have uttered
by our Lord on earth, standing in the shadow of the cross
and with the burden of the sins of the world resting
upon him, he five times prays that his disciples
might be one - one in him, perfected in one. Surely
Christ thought unity essential to the progress of
the Church.

Obedience to this mission command must
bring unity to the church. If the church of Christ
is ever to be one united church on earth, it
will become so through union in mission work.
We now are ^{in mission fields} the beginnings of the time when the
church of Christ shall become one church.

In our text we have first
1st Unity in the command. This order comes
from our Master to our church. All Christians are

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Rev. J. L. Amerman - D.D.

5 The Consummation.

promise,

The Command is not a command only, it is an expression of God's will which shall be realized in fact, and our prayer "Thy Kingdom Come" shall be answered when the other prayer "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

The Church's obedience has been slow, nearly 19 Centuries have passed & it is not obeyed yet but shall be.

The beloved disciple tells of an angel flying in the heaven having an eternal gospel to proclaim unto them that dwell on the earth and unto every nation & tribe & tongue & people.

I like to think of this angel as the Church for truly the Church is God's angel or messenger to whom he has committed the ~~proaching~~ proclamation of the gospel, the Ch. is moving very slowly - creeping along the ground as it were, but by the miracles with signs and the works will be hastened, God is showing his mercy - ~~not punishing his people for their disobedience~~ making obedience easier as he draws the parts of the world nearer together & makes them easier of access.

He is making the matter his own care & will not suffer the Church's neglect to defeat his gracious will, we may delay but cannot prevent it - Israel came to the borders of Canaan after two years instruction in the wilderness & might have gone in at once to possession - The Church might have accomplished the spiritual dominion of the world for Christ by obedience to his command but again & again have been turned back because of unbelief & disobedience. We seem now to have come again very near to the border. May we go on & conquer.

The Church shall conquer - the fact is sure. Sure as the life of God. Sure as the cross of Christ. and sure as his creation.

God has been telling this to the Church thro' all ages. He preached the gospel to Abraham when he said to him & in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed - through the prophets & apostles also & thro' the words of Christ himself he has taught the same truth of universal blessing.

& John said I saw & behold a multitude which no man could number out of every nation & of all tribes & peoples & tongues standing before the throne & before the Lamb arrayed & white robes & with palms in their hands.

Yea the Command shall be obeyed - The gospel shall be preached as a witness to all nations and then shall the end come,

Do you remember that David said in Ps¹¹³ P¹¹³
 "All nations shall come & worship before thee O Lord & shall glorify thy name for thou art great and

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 unbelief & disobedience was turned back to wander in Egypt
 in the wilderness. It was no necessary part of the plan that
 they should wander so long, & it was no necessary part of the
 plan that they should wait so many centuries before
 accomplishing the spiritual dominion of the world. We
 have come again & again to the borders of such ~~trifling~~~~

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does to their windows? Pledges everyone
of the faithfulness of God.

The day comes - Let us look forward
to it. and we shall raise a great song
of triumph when with uncounted
numbers of every tongue we praise him
who has washed us from our sins in his
own blood & made us Kings & priests
unto God

Composite sermon - Sunday June 17th '94

Boggs. Rev. W. B. Boggs, D. D.

III. The motive. We have had the divine Commission set forth, and the vast, world-wide enterprise which it requires. Now we need the motive. The whole Church of Christ needs, and every individual Christian needs a powerful, permanent, effective motive, a constraining, impelling power within, for this great work.

In the early days of our mission in Burmah, one of our most consecrated faithful missionaries was M.^s Comstock of Aracan. The time came when she had to send her two dear children to America. The ship was ready to sail, and the hour of parting had arrived. She took the children to a grove near by, and there gave them up to God, and then bringing them forward, delivered them to the charge of the missionary who was to bring them home. As she took leave of them she looked upward and said, "Lord Jesus, I do this for thee." In these words we have the true motive; it is for Christ's sake.

Pity for the heathen is a motive. No one who possesses the spirit of Christ can look upon them in their dense spiritual darkness, in their sin and helplessness, without pitying them. But this is not the highest motive. Pity for the heathen may be variable and inconstant.

Benevolence or charity is a motive, a desire to

do good; but that is not a motive adequate to this work. Mere benevolence might find sufficient scope in ones own land.

A desire to extend civilization and education may be a motive, but that is entirely insufficient for this work. It will be fluctuating.

And so with all other motives of this kind. They are all inadequate for the fulfillment of the great commission. We find the supreme motive in the words, "for Christ's sake."

Loyalty to Christ, gratitude to Christ, imitation of Christ, a supreme desire for the glory of Christ, these constitute a motive that will sway the whole heart and life, and that will last forever. We engage in this great work not primarily for the heathens sake, but for Christ's sake, that the name which is above every name may be published to all mankind, and become great unto the ends of the earth.

This should be the motive, not only with missionaries, but with the churches at home and all the servants of God. In all their service they should realize that they are doing it for Christ, that in giving money for missions they are giving it to Christ, that in every part of the work, it is first and last and always for the glory of His holy name.