

Dear Brothers Phelps & Garrison

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In reading ^{James} Boyle's letter I felt him to be a man of a precious spirit yet I do not feel with him nor many that God will to destroy utterly this people. And I feel to say to this dear brother and to others of like mind be of good cheer for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. I do not say that I have prophetick vision yet I do believe that long suffering Jesus who ^{would have} spared the cities of the plain if ten righteous men had been found there will spare this guilty country for that there is yet precious salt found therein. "Run ye about the streets of Jerusalem saith the Lord by His prophet and see if there be a righteous man there!" Oh my brethren I can see how God out of the bowels of this great agitation will bring forth Peace and Glory! I believe there is one doctrine fearlessly and faithfully preached will unite all believers. It is the doctrine of the atonement. Every soul that has not been dabbling with mans reasons runs sweetly and I say naturally to this pure stream of the water of life. The first want of a heart that hath been rightly ^{only} taught by the Spirit is the want of a Saviour. I needed not to be told this want I felt it in my soul. This want drives the blind heathen to torments the blinder moral Pharisee to good works and the poor trembling simple thrice blessed publican right into the bosom of the ~~ambrosy~~ ^{ambrosy} Jesus.

Preach this dying risen Jesus to an assembly
composed of Baptists Methodists Friends
believers of every order and they will feed
sweetly on the body and blood of the Lord
There is one thirst and one water of life
quenches it For He that drinketh of this
shall never thirst again! And if all
other opinions are let alone and this
one glorious basis of the whole gospel
be fully preached it is blessed be God
an uniting link which will bring forth
a church indeed - Let then those who
love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity
agree with me to drop all sectarian
divisions and cleave to Him alone
With the dying throes of sectarianism
how much evil will die It is this identifying
of ourselves with the sect to which we belong this
"my church feeling" which is the strong hold of
religious slaveholding - That same dear Methodist
brother whose heart yearns at times to agony
over the slave whose duty the Holy Ghost hath
made as clear to him as daylight feels the
long links of his sectarian connexion with some
of the slave holding churches at the South clanking
and clattering at his heels and embarrassing him
and fettering his enterprises and so of the
Presbyterian sect and the Baptist sect and
all the sects be they who they will Oh!
how proud is poor sectarian pride of the
mammoth bigness of my church Not Christ's

church but my Church Oh! how! different this
pride from the pure joy of angels and true
Christians over one sinner that repenteth when
I hear a Methodist say there are so many
Methodists in the United States or so many
Baptist my soul mourns but when I hear the
groans of a penitent heart my spirit praises
the Lord. True the Lord causes their sec-
tarian zeal apparently to do some good
but we believe ~~where~~ there no sects when
there is now one revival there would be
ten yea we believe there would be a
perpetual glorious revival right from the
Fountain Head We fear lest there is often
an artificial ~~activity~~ in the church and
this is because Sectarianism kills the
natural life giving power of the word
so she has to substitute ~~Sectarian~~
~~zeal~~ ~~zeal~~ instead of the energies of an
Almighty Gospel unfettered by her unholy
shackles Come Great Redeemer whose
right it is to reign and let thy bosom
be the Great Theological school where
our teachers shall learn righteousness
No longer let ministers fear to preach the
everlasting gospel of light forgiveness and
love for fear they should hurt the craft
of the great Goddess Sectarianism Lord
tumble down her altars and build
up thine own! Come to the perishing

church struggling for life in the folds of
this voluminous serpent - Then thy Spirit
will have free course run and be glorified
unchecked by the machinery of man! Then
Revivals will not be followed by spiritual
deaths but we shall be one forever in
thee. Then the pure voice of disencumbered
truths will be heard in those dark places
of cruelty where the slave clanks his
chain in vain. Oh my God and my
Lord my one only master and Saviour
Christ Jesus. Let thy sweet voice be
heard thy gentle uniting subduing
voice send whom thou wilt to preach
thy cross as the great uniting link but
let it prevail let all thy dear saints be
one to the worlds eye as all thy true
children are one to thy view and this
in thine own time Amen

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