

Large Sunday Morn. Sept 8. 1840.

My Dear Wife, I received your kind letter last evening, & was most glad, I can assure you, to get it. I read it, & read it again, & noticed with eager interest every expression of affection which it contained. I can truly say that everything I found in it expressive of your love to me ~~was~~ infinitely more precious to me, than all other earthly good of which I can have any conception. I had been feeling several days that it would be an unspeakable comfort to me, to receive from my dear wife an assurance that she loved me - not because I doubted your love my dear, but because I felt that it would be so sweet to have you give me a new assurance of it now, while I am separated from your kind arms, & from your tender & affectionate embrace. I had been again & again, & several times besides to the office & had returned disappointed. But last evening I received it, on Monday evening instead of Saturday as you hoped. Every expression of your love to me that it contained was indeed a cordial to my feelings. Indeed my Precious wife, it seems to me that I have never valued your love so much as now. I have been thinking of it this morning, & my heart melted with tenderness toward you - & then I thought, if I value the love of my wife so much, how ought I to value the love of my Saviour, & this melts my heart with the overflowing tenderness toward Him, the Dear Dear Redeemer of our souls. I know that I love my Blessed Saviour, & I know that He is not jealous because of my love to you, for He has directed me in His word to love my wife even as He loves me. And how affecting the thought my dear, that as you are bone of my bone, & flesh of my flesh, so we are members of His body & of His flesh, & of His bones." See Eph. 5. 30. How affecting my sweet wife is our Redeemer's love to us. It is His will that we should be bound with cords of tenderest love to each other, & then He would bind us together on His own heart, with a love infinitely more pure & tender than any which we can feel, & ^{there} breathe His own sweet spirit into ours, & make us more than ever one with each other, & one with Him.

even as He is one with the Father. Will might the ap-
-ple speak of "the breadth & length & depth & height of
the love of Christ that passeth knowledge." Eph. 3. 18. 19.
Even now while I write, my heart is overflowing with
gushing tenderness toward you, & I feel that I want wo-
-rds of tenderness which ~~any~~ language does not
contain, to express what I feel toward you. I speak
sincerely, my wife, my heart feels toward you just
as I say. And yet I know that my love to you,
either in tenderness or strength, is as nothing, is
less than nothing, when compared with the love
which our Blessed Ever Blessed Redeemer continually
feels for us both. My dear, dear wife, can we say
with ~~Paul~~, in his 1st Epistle 4 chap 16 verse - "We have
known & believed the love which God hath to us"
That is God our Saviour. He loves us well enough to
forgive all our sins, He loves us well enough to
cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He loves
us well enough to make our peace as a river
& our righteousness as the waves of the sea. And all this
my dear wife He will do for us, so soon as we will
cease to distrust His love. You know my dear
how it would pain your affectionate heart, to have
me distrust your love to me, & treat you as though
I distrust it. It would be doing you great injustice,
do not let us then do injustice to our ever Blessed
Saviour by distrusting His love. Let us know & be-
lieve the love which He hath toward us, & in
that love confide, relying on that love, ^{of Christ} to pardo-
n us, to cleanse us from all unrighteousness,
to provide for all our wants, to sustain us under
all our trials, to aid us in all our duties, to give
us grace, & to give us glory, under all circum-
stances just as we need them, & to withhold no
good thing from us. Christ Jesus, our Blessed, ever
blessed Redeemer, loves you & ~~me~~ my dear wife well
enough to do all this for us - & it will be a
more blessed thing to Him to do it all for us than
it will be to us to receive it, because He finds it

more blessed to give than to receive. Do not let
us My dear wife distrust the love which Christ
hath to us. Let us acknowledge it, & fully confide
in it, & then we cannot fail to rejoice.

But I promised in this to tell you the state of
things. The Lord is at work in a most delightful manner.
Judge Brewster, an eminent man here, has reigned
anchor, as Bro. Mahan would say, & passed the straits.
He ~~has~~ is testifying from house to house, that God has
filled his heart with the perfect love of Christ. He
called on me since I commenced this letter, & took me
to ride with him, & opened his whole heart to me, &
blessed God with tears of gratitude running down
his truly venerable face, that God permitted me
to come to this place. He said when the brethren were
raising money to bring me here, he gave nothing. ~~But~~
~~he was~~ ~~the~~ ~~expecting~~. But when I came he went to
hear me. First ~~he~~ he says, I assent to
the truth. After two or three evenings I
could not get away from it. Next I
embraced it with my intellect; & now
I have received it into my heart. He feels that
God has used me to do him great good, & I feel my
dear, that it is worth all the effort I have made
to be a means of doing the good which has been
done to his work. I do trust that he will be a
burning & shining light. He was an elder
in the Church here when I came to this place,
but has resigned that office within the last four
days, because as ~~he~~ he said, he could not stand
pledged officially, to sustain a creed, which denied
that the grace of God was sufficient to
cleanse his people from all sin. Other Christians
have been greatly blessed, & thank God again &
again for my coming. There have been some
conversions I am told. I have not seen them. One man
as I have heard, who has been somewhat notori-
ous as an infidel, believes he has now submitted
to Christ. The brethren & sisters meet together
for prayer & all take part. They are precious
seasons. I shall have much to tell you when I ~~come~~
ride by your side.

If you write dear after you receive this, & shake you
 will, & it seems to me that you can't conceive how he
 why it wishes me to receive a much explanation
 of our from you, direct your next to Rochester
 I expect to leave here on Friday for the region
 of Suffolk. After that I expect to return to Boston
 & after that I shall set my face toward home. I expect
 home the 26 of August, & I shall reach home by
 the 26 of Sept. I shall say so - but before. And
 there is a great call for my labor here, & the
 Lord's blessing be on it. I want to state
 I can't for shame to me is no good a matter



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My heart feels great tenderness toward you my
 dear wife, when I think of you at home alone
 with your little ones, but I ask my dear
 Father to cheer & comfort & bless you with
 it all, & I do believe that He will. And dear
 wife, receive ~~the~~ the assurance of a husband's
 full-hearted love. Tell all the little ones that Pa
 loves them, & prays for them every day. — Rem-
 ember me also to the good old Parents. Once more
 believe me that your own husband's love is yours
 I shall write again in a few days C. Fitch.
 if the Lord will. Will then God bless & the Lord bless you

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