

It's More Than Knowledge of the Love of God

By John Murray

But it is more than knowledge of the love of God as taught in Scripture which preachers need. They must themselves be possessed by the love of which they speak. Invitations to trust in Christ preached without love are no invitations at all. And a preacher who calls men to faith, uncertain about Christ's desire to save His hearers, will never make an evangelist. Present fellowship with Christ is needed to end such doubt. It is Christ's love, known and felt, which creates the spirit seen in such men as Robert Murray McCheyne whose hearers believed that He was "dying to have them converted." "We win by love, says Spurgeon." We win hearts for Jesus by love, by sympathy with their sorrows, by anxiety lest they should perish, by pleading with God for them with all our hearts that they would not be left to die unsaved, by pleading with them for God that, for their own sake, they would seek mercy and find grace.

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