

and to bring us to God. We are guided by it to see that our worship is often divided and that in this we have displeased the Lord. The teacher, having shown our weaknesses, shows the remedy: not a renewal for self-strength, but an acceptance of forgiveness through trust in a God who accepts our repentance and gives grace to live further.

This is the grace that is spoken of when we are told that Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to all who believe in Him (Romans 10:4). He did not abolish the law but fulfilled it and completed an act of righteousness in which others could be blessed. We are directed to Him, that we might confess our failures and trust in His perfection thereby having our worship renewed. His righteousness is enough for us as with the prophet Jeremiah we cry out.. "The Lord...our righteousness" (Jer. 23:5).

#### Conclusion

God in His wisdom has warned us that we must not divide our worship. We must make nothing to which we share our devotion. His love for us will not allow it. But God is not seeking to drive us away. He is seeking to draw us to Himself and it is through His grace and the righteousness of Christ that we are able to come. Do you love God? Do you honor His commands? Well, then, trust and believe in the One whom He has sent to provide your forgiveness and renew your worship.