

A few *lessons* in conclusion :—C. H. Spurgeon preached a strong and rugged but moderate Calvinism, an interpretation of Scripture which some deem repulsive. It was, however, this preaching of total depravity, substitutionary atonement, election, salvation by grace alone, final perseverance and the eternal punishment of unrepentant sinners, which continued to draw the greatest multitudes of most eager listeners, and won the greatest multitudes of most eager readers of that, of this, or any age. Does not this fact smite dead the cavil that the world is outgrowing the Calvinistic theology? Does it not show that doctrines like these are endorsed by the soul's deepest consciousness, and best meet its deepest needs and cravings? It is also suggestive that it has been this kind of preaching that God has honored as he has no other in making it the medium of His saving power. Mr. Spurgeon preached the Gospel in all simplicity, in humble dependence upon the Holy Spirit. The plain Gospel of Christ has greater and more permanent attractions than sensationalism. Men's souls crave truth more than rhetoric. To be plain is better than to be brilliant. God honors those who honor His truth and His Spirit, and give Him back all the glory of results.

May the life of this prince of preachers be an inspiration to us all.

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