

his profession. Christ, therefore, in this view, shows the hypocrisy of the Jewish Doctors to have been supreme, for he says they well knew the law, and taught it correctly to others, but would not practise it themselves.

On many occasions the Great Teacher exposes the pride, subtlety, hypocrisy, and tyranny of the people among whom and for whom he had done so much. He calls them an "adulterous and sinful nation," "inwardly full of subtlety and injustice;" compares them to "whitened sepulchres," "blind guides," "serpents," "vipers," and 'murderers.' And more than once he intimated they were the 'children of the devil.'

**CHARITY OF PAUL.** Always zealous and always intelligent, the apostle Paul was ever ready to spend and be spent in prospering the religion of his Master. The cause of Christ was his study, the churches his care. Whatever affected the welfare and the healthy progress of the one, or the good order and prosperity of the other, equally affected him, because of the measure of his love.

During his ministry religion had many enemies, the church of God many disturbers. Judaizers, Philosophers, and christian Pharisees were zealous in supporting their comparative claims to the detriment of the meek wisdom of the meek Son of God. In reference to such spirits, let us note Paul's charity. To the Galatians he says: 'A little leaven leavens the whole lump. . . I would they were cut off which trouble you. . . Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; you are fallen from grace.' \*

In teaching his beloved Timothy, mark also what he says: "If any one teach differently, and consent not to the wholesome words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine according to godliness, he is puffed up with pride, knowing nothing; but is doting about questions and strifes of words, from which come envy, strife, evil speakings, unjust suspicions, perverse disputings of men wholly corrupt in mind, and destitute of the truth; who suppose gain to be godliness: from such, stand aloof." † And to the Corinthians he declares, that, "If any one love not the Lord Jesus Christ, he shall be accursed when the Lord comes." ‡

**THE APOSTLE PETER'S CHARITY.** Standing up before the Jewish people, he affirms, "You denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;"—"you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." § "There were false prophets also among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies . . . and many will follow their pernicious ways . . . thro' covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandize of you."

\* Gal. 5 chapter. † 1 Tim. 6: 3, 4, 5. ‡ 1 Cor. 16: 22.

§ Acts 3 chap. and 2 chap.