

Is Christ divine? *Divine*—The Old Testament makes answer holding up to the gaze a portrait of the Messiah before He appeared, so like Him that it was said by those who sought Him, "we have found the Messiah which is the Christ." *Divine*—The New Testament replies: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled of the word of life. That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you." *Divine*—The church of God declares as for nineteen hundred years by her apologists, and councils, and martyrs she has jealously guarded this sacred truth. *Divine*—Science replies, for there is no other explanation of the life of Christ on earth. *Divine*—Common sense replies, for otherwise what is Christian faith but mockery, Christian inspiration an imposture, Christian self-sacrifice vain! *Not Divine*—Then destroy all the churches and cathedrals of Christendom, they indicate a lie. *Not Divine*—Sweep out of existence the paintings of Raphael and Hoffman and Leonardo da Vinci, they perpetuate a lie. *Not Divine*—Then banish to the regions of darkness the sweet strains of Mozart, Beethoven, Handel, and Mendelssohn, their suggestion a base subterfuge. *Not Divine*—Then let the last ray of comforting hope be snatched from the gaze of the dying saint.

The Christian's hope and comfort is gone,
Come darkness, come despair.

It cannot be. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God because Jesus is Divine.

Then read on. Learn what this means. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God *unto Salvation*. Think of it, all this divine power energized for one specific aim—Salvation.

Salvation—The one overwhelming necessity of fallen man, for the fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery. Here is atonement for sin and reconciliation to God. Here is power to convince men of lives mispent—that they have lived contrary to the very purpose for which they were created. Here is deliverance from the misery of sin, the bondage of sin, the fascination of sin, the practice of sin, the destruction of sin, the death of sin. Instead of being the slaves of every evil desire, you, by the power of God, go free. *Salvation*—The one necessity of the heart, for without this salvation the heart has no enduring peace. It is separated forever from God, the peace and consolation. *Salvation*—The one necessity of the conscience, for without this salvation the conscience is fettered by an eternal chain of remorse. *Salvation*—The one necessity of the mind, for without this salvation the mind has nothing upon which to fix its uncertain speculation; it wanders aimlessly from doubt to doubt. *Salvation*—The one necessity of the soul! In the Gospel of Christ alone is the as-