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Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.—*Peter.* On this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.—*The Lord Messiah.*

CALVINISM.

Mr. Eaton.—Being well aware that the religious world is more governed by names than truth, by opinions than facts, I beg leave to lay before your readers, from time to time, a few of my reflections upon past and present affairs, without obtruding upon them any name that shall be indicative of party. If my remarks shall be found to be true, they ought to be received as such without any discount on account of any supposed heresy in their author; and if they shall prove to be untrue, no influence of name, no weight of character, no protecting talisman of orthodoxy, should shield them from merited condemnation.

After thus throwing myself open to the impartial scrutiny of your diversified readers, suffer me to approach and to examine a system of religion above all others positive in its assumptions, intolerant in its spirit, and ex-cathedra in all its decisions—a system which neither its author, nor any of its talented defenders will suffer a human being to dissent from without incurring the forfeiture of christian character—without ceasing, in their estimation, to be a christian. It is built upon the following five pillars:

1. *God has from all eternity elected a portion of the human race to everlasting life, without any reference to their faith or obedience, consigning the remainder to eternal perdition, without any other cause than—so it pleased him.*

2. *In consequence of this decree, he constituted Adam the federal head of the human race, making him responsible for their destiny, and determined his fall in order to their corruption and condemnation, that it might be impossible for any to be saved but such as he had ordained to that end.*

3. *That in pursuance of this determination he sent his Son to die for the elect only.*

4. *That the Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and the Son to regenerate, unconditionally and irresistibly, all those, and those only, for whom Christ died.*

5. *That being thus regenerated, they cannot possibly avoid being eternally saved.*

Other systems can, and have, admitted that men may be christians