

P R E F A C E .

THE doctrine of Justification by Faith in Christ Jesus alone has been called the distinguishing feature of a living Church. The importance of sound views on the plan of salvation is, consequently, the greatest of all questions for the Christian Church to consider, and yet there are not a few who (in many cases unconsciously) ignore the Bible doctrines of Divine grace in the salvation of the soul, and, while calling the Lord Jesus their Saviour, seem to imagine somehow they can do something toward securing their salvation.

The following tractate on this subject, which originally appeared in the *Princeton Review* (Jan., 1856) is now reprinted, from the belief that its republication is fitted to be of service to the interests of religion in Canada.

The Rev. Dr. Hodge, presumed to be the author, was distinguished for the clearness of his views of Scripture truth, and acknowledged to have been the ablest writer on Systematic Theology in the present day—it is therefore with confidence we re-issue this tractate as a help to the promotion of scriptural views on the subject of which it treats.

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