

cy. To exert its whole divine power and influence upon human nature, it must not be mixed with the doctrines and commandments of men. It abhors such unequal and deteriorating alliances. The unmixed "gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believes," and therefore if we would become the subjects of its most powerful operations, we must submit to the unadulterated truth of heaven, as presented by the holy apostles and prophets; we must unlearn our unscriptural learning; divest ourselves of our prejudices; humble ourselves as little children; and not only say with the lips, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" but be willing in our hearts to do the will of God; to submit ourselves in all things to our heavenly Father, as he has expressed his will in his word.

This course is, to a certain extent, necessary in obtaining the cure of a physical disease. Do we place ourselves under a physician, in whose skill we have confidence? Then, assuredly, we should follow his prescription! A refusal to act in conformity to the prescription, would betray a want of confidence in the physician. And besides, to call a part of the medicines prescribed unessentials, would be offering an insult to the physician. Shall we thus insult our great spiritual Physician? Has Jesus all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge? is he indued with all divine and infallible skill? and has he caused to be written that merciful prescription, the gospel, for the curing of sinsick, perishing sinners, in which has been pointed out every spiritual remedy? and shall Jesus be told by a part of these sinners, that a part of his medicines are unessential? He has prescribed Faith, Repentance, Baptism, Pardon, the Holy Spirit, and Eternal Life! Will the sinner take these, as the gospel prescribes? Which of these will he reject as unessential? Why, perhaps baptism! often have quack doctors of human divinity called baptism an unessential!! But in whom shall we trust? these fallible doctors, or the infallible Physician? Sinner, we recommend you to Jesus. We urge you, as you desire salvation, as you value the immortal interests of your soul; as you dread the displeasure of your Maker, and fear the dark and horrible pit which has been appointed for those "who know not God and obey not the gospel;" we urge, we entreat you by the tender mercies of the Lord, to submit to the divine Physician as the gospel directs! Suffer not yourselves to be led away into error and mysticism by those bewildered men who would persuade you that some of the divine commands are unessential. Honest, these men may be! but remember, that their honesty is not your saviour! If you would be cured, you must look off to Jesus, the author and finisher of the faith. You must esteem Jesus above father and mother, above wife and children, above all earthly objects, or you cannot be his disciple. You must esteem all his commandments too, as of paramount importance. If you "love Jesus," you will "keep his word;" you will continue in it; and you will "know the truth, and the truth will make you free!"

Now, from all the preceding premises, to what conclusion will the sinner arrive? Will he, after all that has been said and done by Jesus, permit sin to be his ruin? Will he still permit it to run its deathly