

and hypocrisy, and diffusing a proselyting and sectarian party spirit, and building up great and splendid worldly churches, houses and societies, to be seen of men, and applauded by the world; and following after the idolatrous fashions of the world, nor by duelling, wars and fighting.

If Christ is in every man, (only as in all other created things,) but not brought to life and nourished in him, because the man, or persons, *will not* let the *Holy Spirit enter his heart*, and form the "little child Jesus"—the glorious Son of God; (will not let himself become the "stable," the "manger" and the cradle of Christ, until the Holy Spirit thoroughly cleanse him, and make him a meet temple for the indwelling of Christ and of God,) as Christian light, knowledge and love,—Godly benevolence, and "eternal life," the only hope of peace, righteousness and inconceivable glories:—If any one does thus voluntarily and wilfully reject the spirit and crucify Christ within himself, and *will not* permit the Holy Ghost—the only agent and power by which Christ can be formed in man—to regenerate Christ within him, (like the generation of his fleshly body in his mother Mary.) Does not such rejecting and crucifying man, knowing these things by the operations of God's spirit upon his conscience, become a much more wicked and malicious crucifier of Christ than those Jews who crucified his body in full manhood, as an impostor, not knowing the wisdom and power of God? "For had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." (See the 1st and 2nd chapters of I. Cor.

Let all those who would know more and more of the mighty regenerating principles of Christ, truth, justice and goodness, and their peaceful, beneficial and glorious effects among the children of men, search the scriptures, and fully understand the gospel of Christ. All those, if there be a large majority of our countrymen, who *will not* see the light and hear the truth, and love God supremely, and honor his Son, and do at all times unto others as they would have others do unto them, cannot be too quick in preparing for all the further desolations, and distress, and ruin, which may come upon our country for her pride, unbelief, idolatries, avarice, frauds and oppression; * and upon them as individuals, even to endless misery, inconceivable woe, for their great sins against God, ingratitude and murderous cruelty to his Son, for their disregard of their fellow men, and of their own eternal welfare.

How different from those who truly love God and obey his commands—who honor the Son as they honor the Father, and duly regard the rights and views, and feelings, and the best interests of all their fellow men. These things every humble Christian will do, and ever live, and joyfully die in *prayer and faith*.

A FRIEND OF PEACE.

* Consider the avaricious and land grasping policy of our European ancestors and their descendants, from the first discovery of America to the present time, and their treatment of native Americans. Where are they now? Has not every part of their country, (now erroneously called ours, for the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof,) been stained with the blood of every tribe? Whilst they perhaps were much less guilty than their more favored and learned persecutors. Next look at the kidnapping robbery of Africa, and the cruel servitude and oppression of her sons and daughters. And now observe the same kind of European avarice and tyrannical spirit of oppression, extending themselves over, and daily defrauding the poor every where, and crushing them down to the earth by embarrassments, perplexities, and great servitude, without mercy.