

baptism ;” and that if a man had all faith, and yet lacked charity, he was nothing ?

*Paul*—I am the very man.

*Trustee*—Are you the man who ranked *sects* with murders and drunkenness (Gal. v. 20, 21) ? and wrote (Rom. i. 16) that “ the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth ?”

*Paul*—Yes sir.

*Trustee*—We have been perplexed with your doctrine for years, and many of our best members, of late, have been led off with them ; and we have concluded that we will let no man preach in our church who has changed his religion, and is engaged in teaching these things—I despise a turncoat.

*Paul*.—“ Am I not an apostle ? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord ?” “ We speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but in the words which the Holy Ghost teacheth ; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

*Trustee*—You cannot have our church, sir.

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 APOSTLE JAMES—Could I be permitted to preach in your meeting house next Lord’s day ?

*Trustee*—What religion do you believe in ?

*James*—“ Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father.”

*Trustee*—What do you call pure and undefiled religion ?

*James*—“ To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”

*Trustee*—We hold that religion is better *felt* than *told*.

*James*—“ But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves ; for if any man be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass ; for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.”

*Trustee*—We have heard enough about this *doing religion*, from the Campbellites ; and we regard it all as a delusion of the devil. We hold that man is justified by faith *alone*.

*James*—“ Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered his son Isaac upon the altar ?”

*Trustee*—That cannot be, for our creed says, “ Wherefore that we are justified by faith only, is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort.” This most precious doctrine cannot be given up—no—it shall not be given up.

*James*—“ Ye see then how that by works man is justified, and not by faith only.”

*Trustee*—We care nothing about your works—we know that if any man will pray, that God will give him faith, that is, after he has repented.

*James*—“ But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering ; for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the sea and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing from the Lord.”

*Trustee*—You cannot preach those doctrines in our church.—*The Reformer.* B. F.