

salism ; admit some of the principles of that theory, and such a conclusion is inevitable. For if, as Calvinists say, no soul can possibly perish for whom Christ died, then none will be lost, for "Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man." So that between Calvinism and Universalism there is not even a step.

One last word. In controversies of this kind, I observe that though frequently beginning in the pulpit, they do not remain there. Unfortunately they extend to the corners of streets, and other places of public resort, and are not confined to christian circles, but the disputants are frequently men totally unacquainted with the vitality of religion. I have just one word to say to such. It is this,—let them ponder it well, and abstain from the practice I refer to,—they are guilty of a breach of the third commandment whenever they introduce the name of Deity, and certainly "will not be held guiltless."

And now, brethren, I close for the present. At some future period I may resume the subject, if necessary, not otherwise. In the meantime, ponder on what has been said ; review the reasoning, and if it be loose and fallacious, reject it freely. Finally, I commit you to Him who hath said—
"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee."