

tion of this simple rule,—that of going to Jerusalem to hear the Great Teacher in preference to listening to the dubious and devious teachings of frail, erring, and oftentimes crafty men. We praise, we exalt, we emphasize, the Word of the Lord. We rush past every Doctor, and crowd toward the Lord of Life. We will not listen to Assemblies or Councils in Edinburgh, London, Paris, Geneva, Constantinople, or Rome; but leaving all these in the distance we hasten on to Zion the city of the great King. We fear not to speak against any Doctor's or Prelate's opinion, rule, religious prescription, or mode of worship; but we reverence, honor, and obey the Divine Master. Is this position, are these principles, shall such aims and views, be contended against and spurned by our cotemporaries in society? Shall we pause for an answer.

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DIALOGUE ON THE 'SPECIAL CALL.'

We find the following in the first volume of the *Christian Baptist*, which we commend to the consideration of both believer and unbeliever:—

Clergyman. Why do you preach, seeing you deery all preaching?

Editor. I do not deery all preaching. I have said that it is the duty of every disciple to preach.

C. But how can they preach except they be *sent*?

E. I presume there are no preachers upon earth who are *sent* in the sense of those words quoted from the apostle.

C. Yes; I believe I am as much *sent* as any preacher ever was; and if I did not believe that I was *sent* I would not preach a word.

E. Well, sir, I find myself happy in meeting with a preacher sent from God. I will sit down at your feet and believe everything you say, only remove some few doubts I have respecting your mission.

C. I do not want you to receive all that I say. Judge for yourself.

E. You do not, then, believe you are sent by God; for, assuredly, if you were sent by God, I should be a great sinner not to believe every word you say. For God would not send you to declare falsehoods, nor to deceive mankind.—If you will then prove that you are *sent*, I will examine no more for myself. I will believe what you say. Who ever was sent by God with a message to men, that it was not lawful and necessary implicitly to receive upon his word? or, in other words, was it not highly criminal in every instance, and the peril of the hearer to refuse implicit faith in the word of every heavenly messenger?

C. I do not pretend to plenary inspiration; but I contend that I am sent, or *called* by God, to preach.

E. To Preach what?

C. The gospel.