

## BIBLICAL CRITICISM.

PREACH—The Greek word *Kerusso* from *Kera*, a herald, or public crier. This is the word used, Mark xvi. 15. 20. and is found in the sacred writings 62 times. It always indicates to publish facts, to make proclamation as a herald.—On the words *Kerusso*, *Evangelizein*, and *Didasko*—the first two commonly rendered to *preach*, the last to *teach*, Doctor Campbell, of *Aberdeen*, very justly observes, that the word *preach* does not, in our idiom, suitably express the precise import of the words employed by the sacred penmen.—He says—“No moral instructions, or doctrinal explanations, given either by our Lord, or by his Apostles, are ever, either in the gospels, or in the Acts, denominated *preaching*.”—*Kerusso* signifies to proclaim any news, good or bad. *Evangelizo*, to declare, publish, or announce, good news only.—The word *Didasko*, is properly rendered by the word *teach*.—It ought never to be confounded with the other terms, whose meaning is so different.—Dr. C. says, “so far is it from being necessary, that the proclamation should be a discourse, that it *may be* only a single sentence, and a very short sentence too; nay, to such brief notifications we shall find the term most frequently applied.”—“Again, though the verb *Kerusso* always implied public notice of some event, either accomplished or about to be accomplished, often accompanied by a warning to do, or forbear something, it never denoted either a comment on, or explanation of any subject, or a chain of reasoning in proof of a particular sentiment; and if so, to pronounce publicly such a discourse, as with us, is denominated sermon, homily, lecture, or preaching, would by no means, come within the meaning of the word *Kerusso*, in its first and common acceptation—it is not so nearly synonymous with *Didasko*, to teach, as is now imagined.” More reverence to the authority of the Bible, and a better acquaintance with its use, and meaning of terms, would prevent many of the laboured harangues, we so often hear, to (prove or defend our system of theology, whether Calvinistic or otherwise,) with being substituted for, and confounded with the proclaiming, and enforcing the facts of the Bible—the preaching the way of salvation, the New Testament reveals.

## REFORM.

*From the Author of Natural Enthusiasm.*

“The fact cannot escape an intelligent spectator of the present critical struggle of religious parties, that the crown of pre-eminence hangs at the goal ready to be carried off by that party, be it which it may, that with a manly ingenuousness and honest zeal, and a christian conscientiousness, shall undertake *its own* reform—its reform in theology, in modes of worship, and in polity—there would be little hazard in saying that the prize might now be won, even by the least considerable of our various denominations, which should resolutely