

S. Well, this is a new idea to me. You say that you simply apply to yourselves Scripture names, as you find them in the Bible?

P. No, sir, not exactly as we find them in the *Libra*; as we find them in the *New Testament*. We are not Jews, but Christians; not under Moses, but Jesus; not under the law, but the gospel; not under the letter, but the spirit.

S. If I understand, then, you call yourselves Christians, Disciples, etc., as the followers of Christ did in New Testament times, and nothing else. Am I right?

P. Yes, sir. Is not that sufficient? If you were about to die, and knew yourself to be a Christian, a Disciple of Christ, etc., would you not be satisfied?

S. I must confess that I would. That is precisely what I have been desiring to know and inquiring into for weeks. What doctrine do you hold, madam?

P. The doctrine of Christ, or Christianity.

S. Nothing else?

P. No, sir, nothing else. The Lord has given nothing else. We need nothing else. Not only so, but the Lord has pronounced a curse upon man or angel who shall preach anything else, or even pervert the gospel of Christ. Are you not satisfied to receive Christianity—pure and unadulterated Christianity, as the Lord gave it, and nothing else?

S. Yes, if I knew how to receive Christianity as God gave it, and nothing else, and how to become a Christian, or a disciple of Christ, as you seem to think one may, it would be a relief to me worth more than world. But this is where my trouble lies. I have had several conversations with Mr. H., but find it utterly impossible for me to understand him. He thinks I am blinded by unbelief. I confess I am blinded by some means; I do not understand.

P. My dear sir, I have not an unkind feeling toward Mr. H., or a hard word to say of him. He is evidently a kind-hearted man, and is just about sufficiently enlightened to conduct a mourner's bench excitement, without Scripture or understanding, but he is as ignorant as a new-born infant of the Bible plan of salvation, and what is worse in his case than that of an infant, he is so blinded by bigotry, sectarian partizan zeal and self-conceit, that there is even less hope of his ever being enlightened than an infant. The reason you could not understand him was that he presented nothing tangible that your mind could take hold of.