

Even however if Paul never did preach where others had proclaimed the gospel, this would be no reason, Mr. Taws, why we should have scruples respecting our labours in your neighborhood. You affirm, and affirm truly, that we do not preach what you preach. Are we not, then, consistent with ourselves in endeavouring to teach the people what they have not before been taught? Would you not consider it your duty, if, by invitation, you were in a section of country where the inhabitants were principally Disciples, to preach to them the gospel according to the Westminster Confession?

But I am desirous of coming more directly and pointedly to our heresies, theological aberrations, and fatal perversions. That you, Mr. Taws, can say more against us than was charged against the Anointed One through whom salvation has been offered to a ruined world, or that you are able to revile us with greater vigour and more pious authority than were the apostles by the Jews and idolatrous Gentiles, I think you will yourself doubt; and while neither I nor the excellent father in Israel who is with me will permit our hearts to hold one feeling of hatred toward you, on account of what you say or do in disparaging us or our labours, I am for one resolved to deal in plain frankness in speaking of your theology and what is called our heresy. You may call me proud, and others may call me too bold; but if I have my own approbation in the discharge of duty in contending for the truth of the living God, it is a small matter to me to be opposed and judged by men.

That the theology you teach comes from a confession made by a number of learned men designated "Divines," which confession is partly composed of Bible truth and partly made up of human opinions, I frankly concede. That the theology of Christ is found in the New Testament, will be admitted, I doubt not, cheerfully by you.—Thus far, then, we agree. We may be agreed still further; for, in the absence of proof to the contrary, I take for granted that you are a sincere man, and devotedly attached to the standard of truth delivered to you by the fathers of the church of Scotland. I know not, my dear sir, whether you will as readily award to me as great sincerity in my attachment to the standard given by the fathers of the church of Christ; but inasmuch as it is not our personal sincerity or insincerity which is at present of most consequence, but the truth of God, it is not important whether you agree to call me sincere or the reverse.

Where shall we find the truth of Christ, Mr. Taws? Where shall a poor sinner find salvation? Where shall a dying man find life and