

word which by the Gospel is preached unto you.”\* St. Paul refers to this point in the text before us. Having preached among the Corinthians some years before, he now in writing to them, adverts to this circumstance, with a view to remind them of the unchangeable character of that religion which he had taught them, and to warn them against the slightest departure from its saving principles—“Moreover Brethren ! I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received and wherein ye stand ; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.”

I am not forgetful, brethren, of the vast difference in point of qualifications and devotedness, between the Apostle of the Gentiles and the ordinary minister of Christ ; and much less could that distinction be overlooked, by me, while from a text descriptive of the Apostles conduct, I advert, however remotely, to the exercise of my own ministry among you ; yet are there some leading particulars in which all who are the Ambassadors of Christ, must proceed in the same course, act upon the same principles, aim at the same results ; and assuredly, among these particulars, we must class the delivery of the Gospel message, the preaching Christ crucified, the announcement of those glad tidings of great and universal joy, which saints on earth and angels in Heaven, delight to hear and to repeat.

My purpose at present is to enlarge upon the sentiment suggested by the text, by shewing in a few particulars, what that Gospel is which the Minister of Christ declares, and the necessity of adhering to it, in all our ministrations. My wish

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\* 1 Peter i. 24-25.