

*Trustee*—I do not believe in these arguments, and therefore shall dispute with you no more; but you cannot preach your doctrine in our church.

*Peter*—Have not some of your ministers preached this doctrine in your churches?

*Trustee*—Yes. A great many of them have tried to preach it amongst us; but we have generally put a stop to it by excluding them from the ministry or the church; yet some of the worst of them have carried off whole churches with their delusions. I say again, sir, you cannot have our house.

APOSTLE PAUL—Could I be permitted to deliver a few discourses in your house?

TRUSTEE—What doctrine do you hold, sir?

*Paul*—The doctrine of Christ.

*Trustee*—We all profess to hold the doctrine of Christ. But *how* do you hold it, sir?

*Paul*—I hold it just “as the truth is in Jesus,” and “recommend sound speech that cannot be condemned”—“sound doctrine.”

*Trustee*—What do you call sound doctrine?

*Paul*—Speak thou the things that become sound doctrine: That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women, likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things: that they teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be chaste, keepers at home. Titus ii. 1—5. This is what I call “sound doctrine.”

*Trustee*—These things are well enough, but this is not what I mean by sound doctrine. Do you believe in the *trium* God?

*Paul*—I once saw an altar, with this inscription, in Athens—“*To the Unknown God.*” But I never heard of a *trium* God before.

*Trustee*—You must have travelled very extensively to have been at Athens—what is your name, sir?

*Paul*—My name is Paul.

*Trustee*—Where was you raised? and in what college was you educated?

*Paul*—My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews; which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most strict sect of our religion, I lived a “Pharisee,” having been “brought up at the feet of Gamaliel; and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous towards God, as ye all are this day. And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women.” I beseech thee suffer me to speak unto the people.

*Trustee*. Are you the man that told in his experience, that Jesus Christ sent a man to you, when under conviction, who said to you “arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord;” and afterwards taught that “faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God;” and that “there is one faith, and one