

lowed influence! What vast numbers are induced to disregard the very injunction here given by the Apostle, by means of the jibes and taunts, the sneers and scoffs of those who are clothed in the sacred vestments of religion! Alas, for the world, when it succumbs ingloriously under the magic spell of a presumptuous priesthood! When the demands of an awakened conscience are hushed by the Satanic whispers of "peace and safety" and not by the peaceful presence of the "Holy Spirit, whom God has given to them that obey him."

Reader, examine your own heart. So certain as that God's word is true, you are required, if you have not already done so, to obey the commandment announced by Peter, (Acts, ii., 38.) This untoward generation would persuade you that it may be neglected with safety, and even sported with and laughed at as an indecent thing! Men who claim to be ambassadors of Christ, labor to invalidate and make of no effect, the words of Christ. And they have succeeded to an alarming extent. Hundreds and thousands of people are now completely under their influence. For ought I know you are one of them. You have persuaded yourself that so many wise and good men cannot be wrong. But the Scribes were wrong; the lawyers and doctors, the Sadducees, and even the Pharisees, to all appearance the best men in the world—were wrong;—they were all wrong, because they presumed to say that *something else would answer as well as the command of God*. Or, to express it in the exact language of scripture: They made *void the law of God* by *their traditions*. The only way *then* to please God, was for men to "save themselves" from the influence of such teachers; and the only way *now* to please him and to receive his salvation, is for you to free yourself from every influence which would keep you from obeying his commandments.—Christian Union.

THE BEAUTIFUL DISCIPLE.

Now, what was it that made Emily a beautiful disciple? No one called her a beautiful girl, though she had a sweet expression of countenance, and her whole appearance was exceedingly agreeable. Nor did she wear beautiful clothing, though she was always well dressed, very neatly and in good taste. Yet her pastor said, "Emily is a beautiful young disciple." And so said the old members of the church; so said the poor and the sick, and the neglected; so said the superintendent of