

love, offers great rewards, holds forth great sanctions; and by these it proposes to rescue man from sin and bless him with the hope of life everlasting. It is a Book for the honest and the humble, but of little service to the mere philosopher, speculator, or theorizer. The ever adorable author of salvation never gave us a volume of critical theology. Hence those who deal in this sort of article, whose lips and whose souls are more engaged with the theories that have been forced into life since the last apostle died, than with the simple and soul-inspiring realities of the holy and lowly Jesus, find themselves more at home amid the musty mathematical volumes which treat of Unitarianism and Trinitarianism. Calvinism and Arminianism, transubstantiation and consubstantiation, orthodoxies and heterodoxies, than in the company of inspired apostles and Christian prophets who speak of the mission of Jesus from heaven to earth and his return from earth to heaven, with all the divine, sublime, yet simple particulars of his dying love, his rising power, his gospel, his people, his grace, his glory, his spirit, his church, his salvation. Shall we not be permitted to speak out loudly against the innovations with which the truth has been and is assailed, while recommending a remedy prescribed by Heaven for all the leprous spots found on the body ecclesiastic?—There is a cure, an effectual and sure cure, a cure which none can doubt, a simple and only cure, for the putrifying influences of the present schisms and distractions of christendom. The Disciples are not the originators of the cure; but they know there is a cure, and they know also that they can name the cure, and they likewise claim the privilege of giving it their best recommendation, and of using it themselves.

What is this cure?—It is spoken in one sentence: *To exalt Jesus above every teacher and every other authority, so that we shall willingly sit at his feet, humbly hear his words, practise his precepts, and faithfully vow allegiance to him as our sole Lawgiver.* Ten thousand disputes among rival parties would be settled in a moment by the adoption of this simple remedy: for instead of arguing about the meaning and the commentaries of an innumerable company of Doctors, Bishops, and learned Ecclesiastics, who have darkened counsel by words without knowledge, all our investigations would then be upon the direct words, precepts, and examples coming from the Fountain of all Truth; and here, catching the spirit of the Master, in the study of his own teaching and model, we would not learn to cavil and strive through pride and carnal ambition.

Our highest guilt, our most heinous offence, consists in the adop-