

filed, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for those who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."\* These, brethren! are blessed privileges; and they are all included in the Gospel grant. They form a part of our message to sinners, and they are to be preached to you, in all their freeness, without the slightest reserve or hesitation, as if they were too great for God to impart, or too sacred for man to aspire to.

In making these remarks, my brethren, I have given you a summary of the gospel; and, at the same time, an outline of that message, which from time to time, has been delivered to you by God's appointed ministers. The question then arises, is this same message to be repeated in your ears, or is something else to be sought for, which without perhaps contradicting its statements, may, at least, avoid its peculiarities, and come to you invested with the attractions of novelty? I have no hesitation in saying, that, if this be the Gospel of Christ (and I doubt not, it is, in sum and substance that gospel) necessity is laid upon us, most strictly to adhere to it, in all our ministrations.—For,

1st. It is *Christ's command* that we should do so. He does not authorise us to go forth to mankind with any other message, or to substitute for its plain and simple truths, any plan of man's devising, any scheme that is more adapted to our own predilections, or which may seem to us more suited to advance the great cause of religion. But he says—What? "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature: he that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned."†

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\* 1 Pet. i. 3, 5.

† Mark xvi. 16