

that we have not labored hard, for we have all labored hard, yes we have all labored perseveringly. But when one church labored, the other opposed it; when one church pushed forward others pulled back. The cause is not that we are not talented, zealous, and honorable men, for all admit that we are such. The reason is not that the members are not honorable and devoted. It is not a want of liberality on their part, for they have been liberal. We can accomplish comparatively nothing in our present divided state, though we had the talents of angels, and though our desires were as pure as theirs. We must be engaged in the same cause and co-work with God. We can do this in no way, without standing complete in one brotherhood.

*Pres.* Who do you think, sir, will come to you and submit to your dictation?

*Chr.* No one, I presume, and no one is called upon to do such a thing. I am willing to come to the Lord and submit to his dictation, and we had all as well come to him first as last, for we shall have to come to him in the end.

*Pres.* I know how you speak of coming to the Lord and his dictation, but you always have to explain the Lord's mode to suit yourself.

*Chr.* No, sir, you are wrong again; we desire every man to think for himself, and to understand for himself, as he must account for himself to the Lord.

*Pres.* I, for one, can never adopt your views.

*Chr.* I have not asked you to adopt my views! We can not unite upon any man's views.

*Pres.* What shall we unite upon, then?

*Chr.* We must unite upon Christ, if we unite at all.

*Pres.* Who will explain Christ to us.

*Chr.* The apostles. We must receive Christ first, with the whole heart, and when we have received him—not some man's views of him—we must listen to him, and consider who he has authorized to preach him, to explain him, and receive their explanation of him. I ask you not, gentlemen, to give up your consciences, or to sacrifice them, but to exercise them to the utmost extent. I ask you not to receive some dangerous dogma that you can not sincerely accept, but I ask you to receive and act upon great Bible truths that you can not conscientiously deny, when once you look at them. I desire you to have solid truth—pure, heaven-born truth, and nothing but truth. I desire you to be-