

*Chr.* Do you not believe that Methodists are Christians, and that they will be saved?

*Pres.* Certainly I do.

*Chr.* Methodists are not Calvinists, and you admit that they are Christians and will be saved.

*Pres.* Certainly I do. I am no bigot.

*Chr.* Can any man be saved and not believe the Gospel?

*Pres.* No, sir; "He that believeth not shall be damned."

*Chr.* A man, then, according to your own admission, can be a Christian and be saved, and not believe Calvinism. He cannot be a Christian nor be saved without believing the Gospel. Therefore Calvinism is not the Gospel.

*Pres.* I hold—I can prove—the fact is—you have not disproved Calvinism, and you never can.

*Chr.* I was not trying to disprove Calvinism. I was simply trying to show that you are mistaken in saying that Calvinism *is the Gospel*. This I have done.

*Meth., Lu., Ep., and Bap.* Brother P., you will have to give it up. Mr. C. has shown that Calvinism is not the Gospel.

*Chr.* I shall not contend with you about that, nor shall I vaunt. All I want is to rid the Gospel of all difficulty. This we have now done. You have admitted that a man can be a Christian and be saved and not believe Calvinism, and that he can not be a Christian nor be saved without believing the Gospel. This shows, that in your own estimation, Calvinism is not the Gospel. When we find that it is not the Gospel, we can admit that a man may be a Christian and believe it, or not believe it. It is not a *saving* truth, if a truth at all—it is not a *Bible* truth, if a truth at all, but is like a truth in astronomy—a man might be mistaken about it, and still be a Christian and be saved.

*Pres.* This is making too little of this precious doctrine, I can not give it up.

*Chr.* I have not asked you to give it up. All I ask is, that as it is not the Gospel, and we have found that men can be saved and not believe it, you hold it upon a level with views you may have in regard to astronomy, or any other speculative subjective subject, which a man may at pleasure, receive or reject, and still be a Christian.

*Pres.* This would be making too little of Calvinism.

*Chr.* Not any less than you make of it yourself; every time you