

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE NEW-BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, convened at Waterbury, in the Parish of Canning, July 8th, 1829, send Christian Salutation to the respective Churches they represent :

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD :

Through the tender mercies of our ever bountiful Father, we are once more permitted to assemble together, for the purpose of expressing our ardent gratitude and unfeigned thanksgiving to Him for the many mercies and blessings which we have enjoyed during the last year, and uniting our endeavours for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in this Province, and the promotion of his glory among our fellow-beings. And being firmly persuaded that nothing will so effectually accomplish these objects as a clear and scriptural exhibition of the *Glorious Gospel of the Blessed God*, we have selected this as the most suitable subject for our ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The word GOSPEL signifies Good News, and is applied in the Holy Scriptures to every part of the revealed will of JEHOVAH, respecting the salvation of his Church. It is a revelation of love and mercy from the King of kings to his rebellious subjects ; and, " if we were called upon to give a brief and general description of it, we might say, it is the joyful proclamation from heaven of the redemption of sinners of the human race by Jesus Christ, accomplished in such a manner as to redound to the glory of all the perfections of Jehovah. We might represent it as a dispensation of Grace, proceeding from the free unmerited love of God in Christ Jesus, *whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God ; to declare, I say, at this time, his righteousness ; that he might be just and the justifier of him who believeth in Jesus,* Rom. iii. 25, 26. As a dispensation of happiness, bestowing upon lost perishing sinners, peace, joy and salvation. And a dispensation of holiness, delivering them who believe from the power of sin, purifying their affections, and restoring them to the image of God, lost by the fall. This is clearly pointed out by Paul—When writing to Titus, he says, *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present evil world ;*" Tit. ii. 11, 12. In a word, the Gospel comprehends every thing which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures respecting the perfections and persons of the adorable Trinity, the different offices they sustain in the economy of redemption, and the sanctification of the Church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.

I. It gives us a most exalted view of the Divine perfections. We behold indeed some traces of them in the wonderful works of our