

In saying that the work of Christ remains unshaken, it must be understood that nothing has impaired the integrity of His work, as declared by Him in the Gospel. Nothing has impaired the revelation that He gave, the salvation that He offered, or the atonement that He made. It must be further understood that nothing vital or essential to His Gospel has been touched by criticism or by investigation.

To be more explicit, nothing has touched the truths He taught respecting sin and repentance, faith and pardon, redemption and salvation; nothing has touched the precepts He uttered respecting prayer and piety, reverence and worship, service and sacrifice; nothing has touched the principles He proclaimed respecting purity and progress, self-denial and cross-bearing, hope and trust, joy and peace; nothing has touched the duties He enjoined respecting meekness and gentleness, mercy and compassion, forgiveness and forbearance, holiness and righteousness, judgment and restitution, obedience and love; nothing has touched the doctrines He promulgated respecting conversion, regeneration and sanctification, responsibility, reward and penalty, the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the agency of the Spirit, and the immortality of the soul.

These features of the work of Christ remain as fixed and firm as they stood before the days of Biblical and historic criticism. Men may doubt them or deny them; they may reject them or refuse to accept them; but no essential feature has been weakened, much less explained away.

The religious certainties, or things which are not shaken, therefore, are God, Immortality and Christ—His person and work; that is, everything vital to Christ and Christianity.

The being of God and the immortality of the soul do not admit of demonstration. We can neither prove them nor disprove them. They are matters partly of argument, partly of evidence, and partly of authority. The person and work of Christ, however, may be proved—the one historically, the other experimentally. Everything vital to His person may be established by historic evidence; everything vital to His work may be verified by practical experience.