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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God"
"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."

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HAS JESUS AN AMBASSADOR IN ATHOL?

EPISTLE NO. I.

[An Epistle to all readers in Athol and all others everywhere who have opportunity to read what is here written.]

A fervent gentleman while addressing a congregation in Athol, Lord's day eve, 12th Sept., 1858, did quote the language of an apostle where he says, 'we are ambassadors for Christ,' and when quoting these words of inspired worth plainly included himself as one of the ambassadors for Jesus our Lord. It is not necessary to give the name of this friend, nor even the name of the people with whom he is associated, as it is not the person but his position which claims reviewing attention. We design not to cast one personal reflection upon the gentleman, who, in our hearing, was pleased to affirm that he was among Christ's ambassadors; but believing that a general public lesson on this subject is required, it seems to us both expedient and appropriate to offer a word or two upon it by printed epistle. Kind reader, listen; then judge.

If the gentleman to whom we refer be an ambassador, his official character implies the following facts, graces, and qualities:—

1. He has seen Jesus Christ in person on earth.
2. The Lord Jesus has personally talked with him.
3. Christ has in direct words given him authority to preach, act, and remit sins in his name.
4. He has been baptized in the Holy Spirit, being thus endued with