

must do to be saved, have we not at once renounced the free spirit of children, and imbibed the legal spirit of bond slaves? We must, in that case, either renounce justification by grace, or the influence of the gospel in producing filial obedience. The command, "Arise and be baptized," is as plain and significant, as that to our first parents. The consequence of eating forbidden fruit, teaches us, as little children, to follow the Lord, ceasing from our own wisdom. Take heed lest a secret dread of incurring reproach, is lurking within, seeking excuses for disobedience, and making you easily satisfied with those it finds. The way to glorify God, to enjoy comfort yourselves, and to be useful to saints and sinners, is to yield unreservedly the obedience of faith. In the keeping of his commandments there is great reward.

7. To the reader. Dear friend, I beg you will not be hasty in forming a judgment for, or against this work. I am aware that I have assailed current and popular errors, which have run the gauntlet of ages, and are now established like axioms in the minds of men. But unless they are founded on the divine testimony, they must be abandoned, and the longer they are retained, the more loss will their abettors sustain. I would advise you, therefore, when you have got this length, to begin again and examine every scripture reference as you go along; and see if the plain, easy, natural, unforced interpretation of them is given. It is easy to quote scripture in proof of any thing; but perhaps such quotations may be compelling the holy spirit to bear testimony to a falsehood. In this affair, exercise your judgment, with prayer, and dependance on divine teaching. And may God lead you to the true knowledge of his will. Amen.

THE END.