

ture quoted, setting forth the authority of Christ for Christian union, I could scarcely retain my seat. I thought I would reply, but what to say was the difficulty. And now, since this matter has been put before brother P., whom I respect, as a man of decided learning and ability, and he has shown himself incompetent to answer, I begin to suspect that no man can answer. I at first suspected my own ability, but finding brother B. in the same predicament, and now finding that brother P. can make no answer, I am well convinced that no answer can be made. What to do is another thing, but it is no use to try to withstand Scripture. That Christians are required to unite is as certain as that the Bible is true.

*Iu.* I am well satisfied that the union of the children of God is required by our Saviour, and that we can not serve him acceptably and continue our present unhappy divisions. The truth is, I love men of God wherever I find them, and I desire to be in full fellowship with all the followers of Christ. I love preachers of the Gospel, and wish to see the time come when I can be in perfect union and peace with all who preach Christ. I love my neighbors of other denominations, and have lamented a thousand times that we were not all in one holy, happy band.

*Ep.* I fully accord with the sentiments of the brethren just advanced, and am determined, by the grace of God, not only solemnly to pray for the union of Christians, and labor for it, but to look for the basis upon which it rests. It can do no good to maintain division, and I am satisfied that the more of the love of Christ we enjoy, the more interest we shall take in the union of the followers of Christ.

*Pres.* Gentlemen, you certainly are not looking where you are going. There are a thousand difficulties in the way of our uniting. I am astonished that you have made such concessions in favor of Mr. C. This is just what he has been contending for all the time. He must have converted you all.

*Chr.* I hope we shall have no appeals to prejudice, to pride, nor to worldly ambition. The concessions made, are no more in favor of myself than of you all. Our interest in being right is the same, and our interest in being united is the same. It is as much advantage to each of you as to myself. You all see where we are. We are doing nothing and have been doing nothing, not only since our brethren suspended our support, but for years before, or at least we have been doing nothing that could render us acceptable to the Lord. The cause of this, is not