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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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Never before was such language spoken to mortals as Jesus the Lord of Life addressed to the inspired witnesses he had chosen, when he said, "Whosoever hears you hears me." Every word therefore that an apostle speaks is as though God spoke from heaven. "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you." The whole authority of Jesus the Lord of All is thus transferred to the apostles when they are sent "to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." The power, the honor, the riches, the dominion of the universe belong to Jesus as Head, and Lord, and Christ; and he gives to these men of Galilee his divine message to the world with the fullest power from himself to speak and act in his behalf. How the Lord has honored us! He has selected Twelve men, sons of Adam, flesh and blood as we mortals are, and has divinely educated and shed upon them his superior fulness,—and then asks us to hear and receive them as the unerring heralds of his will.

Faithfully at the beginning did the apostles fulfil their trust. In that city where their Lord was insulted, buffeted, and slain, in the midst of the fiercest opposition, and at the risk of their own lives they proclaim that the once entombed Jesus was not in the grave, but exalted to his rightful seat on the Throne in the heavens, the Lord of Glory, the Lord of Life, the Lord of the living and the dead. From such men we may certainly expect truth—from such we may look for heaven's own teaching—from such we need fear no unsound doctrine. Facing their cruel foes, and their lives every hour in jeopardy, they speak of the despised Jesus of Nazareth, and open to view his claims as the Saviour of the world.

Simon Peter, even to us, has opened the new covenant. Have we heard him? Has he left us in the dark respecting the covenant in Christ Jesus? What have we to do with all the theologians on this