

the members of an entire provincial association would join an alliance not approved by the rest; that they would publicly advocate justification by faith alone unless it received the general sanction of the body? I ask again, was it not perfectly natural for me to draw the conclusion that I did, viz. : that the Baptist ministers of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were favorable to the Alliance, and (what was my alone purpose in referring to your position to that association) that you heartily responded to the doctrine of justification by faith alone.

Now, although I have called your attention to my reasons for the conclusions to which I came, yet I fear that this objection to my letters is all for effect! A conscious want of scriptural proof to sustain the doctrine of justification by faith alone, may tempt you to repudiate any affection for the Alliance; but will it change your position to that doctrine, or will a charge of a want of truth in any statement of your membership in the Evangelical Union—in the most remote degree—invalidate the truth of my arguments against this radical point in your system?

I have said that your teachings were contrary to the word of God. I uttered my sincere convictions. I was not willing to fix on a point that might be enveloped in the clouds and mists of metaphysics; neither was I willing to introduce a subject that might involve the discussion of great mysterious doctrines; much less mere opinions and speculations. I wished to introduce an important point; one that would be encircled by the grand prominent facts in the full range of Apostolic teaching. In a word, I wished to reduce the controversy to its narrowest limits. I am often asked in what we differ from you. I wished to answer the inquiry. From all that I had heard and read of Baptists, whether of the school of Gill or Fuller, I supposed that they all agreed in one point, and that was justification by faith alone. This is *not* clearly expressed in your creed, and it *is* in the creed of the Alliance. Believing on the testimony above given, that these views met your hearty approbation, I fixed upon them unhesitatingly as the exponent of your faith! And now what do you say? "We did not give our unqualified adhesion to the Alliance!" Though you may *not* have done so in form, yet the Baptists of Britain and America have done so in *form* and in *fact*, as much as any other denomination on the two continents. So far from discountenancing it, *some* of the most prominent members of your body have given to it their most unqualified support. But even admit that my statement is entirely destitute of the truth, in reference to your connexion with that body—does not the main position examined in my letter meet your approbation: have you not—*ALL OF YOU*—*taught that so soon as an individual believes with all his heart, that he is JUSTIFIED before God?* If you have any thing to say for your cause, all your arguments should have this point in view; and not whether I was right or wrong relative to your formal union with the Alliance. If you say you are not members of that body, and prove that you do not believe that article of their faith, I stand publicly corrected!

But is it a fact that any of you have ever announced any other act of the mind or the body, ordained by heaven as the consummating act, in order to justification? Do you add to this, prayer, praise, penitence, almsgiving, baptism, confession? No, not one or any of these. What