

would you risk your soul on their foundations? You answer, "no—because they have not the sanction of God's word!" For this very reason I cannot trust my soul on feelings or experiences. I must have a better foundation. I know not how to build on Jesus Christ as the foundation without obeying him in all things. Your daughter unquestionably felt resigned to the will of the Lord, and would willingly have complied with his will in all things; but is this the case with yourself? Are you not doing all that you can to excuse yourself from taking a stand with the disciples of Jesus by being baptized into Jesus Christ, and thus coming into the enjoyment of the benefits of his death? Ponder well your ways before you take the final leap. We could give you many instances, some in this city, of as joyful and triumphant deaths as the one referred to by yourself, and those, too, who became disciples in the way the apostles proclaimed; but our evidence is not derived from such scenes, but from the oracles of God.

21. Are you *sincere*? are you *ignorant* of our sentiments? or do you desire to blind the eyes of your readers? "A watery foundation." You have had an opportunity of reading the first vol. of the *Christian*. You knew, sir, when you penned those profane witty jests relative to "water works," and "a watery foundation," that we never had asserted that there was any virtue in water, or in any of our performances. You knew, sir, that even a few of the most zealous advocates in Nova Scotia for the doctrine of baptism for remission of sins, are contending that it does not avail any thing for those persons who did not believe in the doctrine, and had full views of the whole subject at the time of their immersion; and have even contended that all the baptists ought to be re-immersed. And yet, with these astounding facts before you, you will accuse us with putting our trust in the water. We believe, sir, that God in his mercy has proposed salvation to us freely, without money or price; but as no favour can benefit any but those who receive them, we believe that God has ordained faith, repentance, and baptism, in order to remission of sins. But this you already know! How then can any man, having the fear of God before his eyes, utter such slanders? You surprise us, sir—*forty-eight* years a christian—*twenty* certain of it, and, then, with our sentiments before you, as in letters of light, give utterance to such unfounded assertions—such gross slanders—that we expect to get to heaven by "water works!"

What would you say to us should we say you expect to get to heaven by *wind*, if you should say that we must pray to arrive there? Prayer is only wind or air put in motion—a desire is only a thought! What if we should ridicule the idea of being cleansed by blood? Nothing is more filthy and polluting than blood! Could we not raise a profane sneer at such holy truths as being washed and made white in the blood of the lamb! What would you say of us if we should sneer at the awful effects which have come upon the world by the eating of some simple kind of fruit? What medicinal properties were there in Jordan to wash off leprosy? What virtue in a piece of brass to cure the bite of a serpent? What virtue in the death of Jesus to save a lost and ruined world? What, we ask again, would you say to such scoffers? Your