

LETTER II.

SIR,

So far are the Irvingists from preaching the Gospel of Christ, that they unblushingly preach *Contrary* thereto.—They preach contrary to Christ himself—Contrary to his Apostles—Contrary to his forerunners—Contrary to the whole tenor, current, and Scope of Scripture.

It can be proved that Irvingites, in what they call their teaching, preaching, or "utterance," assert, that, *men need not Repent*?—That it is false Doctrine to preach *Repentance*! Whereas John Baptist preached, Saying, "*Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*"—Jesus Christ began His Mission. Saying "*Repent ye for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand*"—*Repent and believe the Gospel.* "And his Apostles" went out and preached that men *Should Repent.*"—Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, Saying, "*Repent.*"—When Peter miraculously healed the lame man, he preached, Saying, "*Repent.*"—Peter also exhorted Simon the Sorcerer, Saying, "*Repent, therefore of this thy wickedness.*"—And when Peter had narrated his Divinely directed visit to Cornelius "The Apostles and Brethren that were in Judea," acknowledged, Saying, "Then hath God, also to the Gentiles granted *Repentance.*" And when pleading before King Agrippa, Paul testified that to both Jews and Gentiles he had preached, that "They should *Repent* and turn to God." Paul, also, in recapitulating to the Elders of Ephesus the "profitable" things he had taught said, "testifying *Repentance* towards God." But time and room would fail me in recounting all that is said of Repentance in the Scriptures. How dare, then, those "Deceitful Workers" to come in the Name of Christ and yet preach *Contrary* to Christ? He says "*Repent*"—They say you need not Repent!" Paul declared it was "profitable." They assert it is "unprofitable." Therefore whatever Church they may belong to—they do not belong to the Church of Christ—they do not belong to the same Church with St. Paul.—Therefore they must be a new edition of those "Deceitful Workers" who in common with the Grand deceiver, transform themselves as far as the *Cloven foot* will allow, into the *likeness* of Ministers of righteousness, even, as Satan transforms himself into an Angel of light—see 11th chapter of 2nd Corinthians. If they have Apostles—they must be of those "False Apostles, Deceitful Workers," of whom the Saviour prophesied, that, they would "If possible *deceive the very Elect.*" And indeed they do seem to have deceived some who declared constantly, and most confidently, that, "They had full, and undoubted assurance, that they were the Elect of God!"

And as Irvingites assert (in what they call, their teaching, or preaching,) *contrary to Christ* as it respects Repentance; so, they also assert *contrary to Christ* with respect to FORGIVENESS OF SINS. They say that men's sins are *already forgiven*!—That Drunkards, Whoremongers, Sabbath breakers, Liars, unjust persons, unclean persons,—that ALL MEN, every where, whatever may be their present *conduct, spirit, or character*—all—all "Stand in a State of forgiveness!!!" They say that, therefore no man *need* ask forgiveness!—That no man *should* ask forgiveness of sins, that they are all already forgiven!

Now this, their *Assertion*, is an Insult to Common sense—a flat contradiction to the Scriptures—a blasphemy against the truth of God.—

1st. It is an Insult to Common Sense—It destroys all distinction between Right and Wrong—between Saint and Sinner—between the Righteous and the Wicked—between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not.

2ndly. It is flatly contradictory of Scripture: whether we consult the Old Testament or the New. Does not the whole Book of Psalms abound with petitions, put into the mouths of Penitents, for *forgiveness*. Is it not the same, more or less, with every book in the Old Testament especially the prophets?

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