

superstructure will present itself to view—an object deserving of universal admiration; then nothing more will be requisite than to invite men to examine it, as it is fairly and clearly depicted in the New Testament.”

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*From the Christian Baptist.*

JOHN NEWTON.

GOOD men of all sects have nearly the same views of Creeds, Ecclesiastical Courts, of “Christian Experience,” and of Pure Religion. The following sentiments are extracted from one volume of the works of JOHN NEWTON, of excellent memory.—*Editor.*

“I dare not say what the Lord may or may not do; but I have no present conception of love without faith, or of faith without some communication of gospel truth and light to the mind.”

“I am not very fond either of assemblies, consistories, synods, councils, benches, or boards. Ministers as individuals in their respective places, are like flowers, which will preserve their colour and scent much longer, if kept singly, than when packed together in a nosegay or posey, for then they quickly fade and corrupt.”

“It is possible to preach a very good sermon from an English or Scotch proverb. Modes and fashions alter in religious matters, as well as in dress. Our first reformers usually preached from *common places*; they did not take a text, but discussed a subject—such as faith, repentance, holiness, &c. yet surely they were preachers of the gospel. The two volumes or Homilies, to which our clergy are obliged by law to subscribe their assent, are a valuable collection of sermons in this way.”

“On our side of the river, many think as highly of Episcopal as of Congregational order. Perhaps much of our differences of opinion on this head, may be ascribed to the air we breathed, and the milk which we drank in our infancy. If I had lived in Scotland, and known the Lord, my ministry, I suppose, would have been in the Kirk, or the Relief, or the Secession; and if Doctor Erskine had been born and bred among us, and regarded according to his merit, he might perhaps have been Archbishop of Canterbury long ago.”

“May we not say with the apostle, *Grace be with all that love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity?* I think that is a latitudinarian prayer—I hope many agree in loving him, who sadly disagree about trifles. Such is the weakness and wickedness of the heart even in good men. There is a great and old established house, which does much business, and causes no small disturbance in the world and in the church. The firm is SATAN, SELF, AND Co. Till this power-