

But what do these people know practically about Christ? Nothing, nothing at all! What experimental acquaintance have they with his offices and work, his blood, his righteousness, his priesthood, his intercession? None, none at all! Ask them about a saving faith,—ask them about being born again of the Spirit,—ask them about being sanctified in Christ Jesus. What answer will you get? You are a barbarian to them. You have asked them simple Bible questions. But they know no more about the experimentally, than a Buddhist or a Turk.

And yet this is the religion of hundreds and thousands of people who are called Christians all over the world!

Reader if you are a man of this kind, I warn you plainly, that such Christianity will never take you to heaven. It may do well in the eye of man. It may pass muster very decently at a vestry meeting, in the place of business, in the House of Commons or in the streets. But it will never comfort you. It will not satisfy your conscience. *It will never save your soul.*

I warn you plainly that all notions and theories about God being merciful without Christ, and excepting through Christ, are base delusions and empty fancies. Such theories are as purely and of man's invention, as the idol of Juggernaut. They are all of earth, earthy. They never came down from heaven. The God of heaven has appointed Christ as the one only Saviour and way of life, and all who would be saved, must be content to be saved *in Him*, or they will never be saved at all.

Reader, take notice. I give you fair warning this day. Religion without Christ will never save your soul!

But I have another thing yet to say. A religion is entirely useless *in which you join anything with Christ*, in the matter of saving your soul. You must not only depend on Christ for salvation, but you must depend on Christ only and Christ alone.

There are multitudes of baptized men and women who profess to honour Christ, but in reality do him great dishonour. They give Christ a certain place in their system of religion, but not the place which God intended him to fill. Christ alone is not “all in all” in their souls—No! It is either Christ and the Church—or Christ and the sacraments,—or Christ and his ordained ministers—or Christ and their own repentance,—or Christ and their own goodness,—or Christ and their own prayers,—or Christ and their sincerity and charity, on which they practically rest their souls.

Reader, if you are a christian of this kind, I warn you plainly, that your religion is an offence to God. You are char-