

"it follows at once that a man may be a Christian without it. * * * * Do we find Him" (*i.e.* Christ) "frequently examining His followers in their creed, and rejecting one as a sceptic and another as an infidel? Sceptics they were all, so long as He was among them, a society of doubters, attaining to faith only at intervals, and then falling back again into uncertainty. And from their Master they received reproofs for this, but reproofs tenderly expressed; not dry threats nor cold dismissal. Assuredly those who represent Christ as presenting to men an abstruse theology, and saying to them peremptorily, 'Believe or be damned,' have the coarsest conception of the Saviour of the world. He will reject, He tells us, those who refuse to clothe the naked or tend the sick, those whose lamps have gone out, those who have buried their talents, not those whose minds are poorly furnished with theological knowledge."—*Ecce Homo*, pp. 82, 83, 84, 90, 91.

These are true words. It is not a matter of little moment what a man believes about the person of Christ; it is his duty to seek to know the truth concerning this great subject, and it is the duty of the teachers in the Church to "expound unto him the way of God more carefully" on this theme; but it is possible for him to entertain mistaken notions regarding it and yet to have true faith in Jesus Christ. There are men who deny in terms the Deity of Christ, who yet bow before Him with more absolute reverence and submission than some of those who in terms acknowledge His Deity. Here is a man who says, 'Jesus Christ is God, and I worship Him,' and yet he strives for riches as keenly, and regards his brother's rights as little, as if Jesus had never said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth," and as