

Could any words written at this time picture more forcibly the delusions of the higher criticism? It is what is going on everywhere, and this state shows clearly that the end is near. I ask is Christ inside or outside that which which is laid before us so clearly in these words?— You know He must be outside it all. And what does He say to His own? He says what is in perfect accord with this, "from such turn away." He is outside of it all, if we are to be with Him, we must come out from it, turn away from it to Him. And where do we find Him in addressing Laodicea? is He within or without? Without. He is knocking for admission. Christ is outside of Romanism, outside the great mass of Protestantism. It matters not what the earthly glory and splendor may be or how great the profession, Christ is outside it all. But inside are the moral corruptions and the doctrinal errors told out so vividly in the Word of God.

Reader, where are you? Do you belong to Christ or not? If you belong to Him are you following Him? Many of the preachers of the Protestant churches are slowly but surely drifting into infidelity. What came to pass years ago in Germany is coming to pass here, the ministers are becoming infidels. The whole trend of teaching in the theological schools and in the church papers with here and there exceptions, is towards the deliberate rejection of the Word of God under one specious plea or another. No doubt many real believers are being drawn into this awful snare. Where are you in all this? On the rock with Christ or

drifting along with the mass, whither?

Read 2 Cor. vi. 14-18. That is plain enough. You have not to choose between a corrupt church and such evil conglomerations as some true believers drift into. There is no need of any child of God to remain yoked up with the error and corruption of Protestantism, the awful abominations of Romanism, the delusions of Christian Science, Millennial Dawnism, Seventh Day Adventism, Dowieism, or need any one go into the fire baptized holiness movement, or anything like that. Follow Christ. Cling to Him. If you find others following Him according to His plain Word, you will have company. But better far follow Him alone than to be found linked up with that which has rejected Him, that which He will soon spue out of His mouth.

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LOOK UP.

Mr. Astor when once fording the Susquehanna river on horseback, found himself so dizzy as to be about losing his seat in the saddle. Suddenly he received a blow on his chain from his companion, with the words "Look up." He did look up, and recovered his balance. He was looking at the turbulent waters that imperilled his life; the blow he received and the looking up saved him.

It is so often under God's discipline. A sudden shock comes to our person or death descends on one of our friends. At the moment, with our eyes fixed on self, or some object of earthly idolatry, we may be well nigh distracted. God is a jealous God and will not suffer idolatry in His people. He wants the hearts and the eyes of His people. "Little children keep yourselves from idols."