

Christ. Are all men *in* Christ? No; he that is "in Christ is a new creature." "As many of you as have been *baptised* into Christ, have put on Christ." "If you be Christ's—that is, have believed and been baptised," "then are you Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." What promise? "*In* thee and *in* thy seed, shall all the nations, families, and kindreds of the earth be blessed." You have properly remarked, that he blesses them "in turning away every man from his iniquities." Yes, Sir, this is the salvation announced by the Apostles. Those who turned from their iniquities, and were baptised *into* Christ were truly blessed, for they became heirs of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Can you, my dear Sir, or any of your friends, produce an instance of a person being found *in* Jesus Christ, since the commencement of the "dispensation of the fulness of times," who had not been "born of water and spirit?"

III. The third proposition is, that God has *sworn* to accomplish the salvation of all. Your witness is Isa. xv. 23–24. As this is a passage on which your fraternity emphasize with peculiar zest, I will quote both verses, and not break off in the middle of a sentence as you have done! Why stop your witnesses mouth before he delivered his testimony? Were you afraid he might say something which would contradict your exposition, or weaken his testimony? Hear him once more, and I hope if ever you call on him to testify again, that you will give him fair chance to testify the whole truth. "I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed." What, Sir, shall any be *ashamed* in the immortal state of bliss and glory. A greater punishment cannot be inflicted on some persons than to *shame* them in the presence of their superiors. Ah! and will God be so cruel as to punish in the future world those who are incensed against him? You would have this confession made in another state of existence; and it appears that shame and confusion will follow on all those who are "incensed against him."

Be patient, Sir, and I shall show that this oft repeated and much abused portion of the Holy Book militates more against your system than for it. The Prophet designed to show that the time would come that men would all be compelled to acknowledge God instead of the idols which they had been long adoring. But on its application to the present dispensation, I choose to give the remarks of a young brother about *twenty-two* years of age:—"This prophecy, or rather prophetic decree, is applied to Christ by the Apostle, when he says, that 'God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.' Phil. ii. 9–12.

"The important point relative to this decree is to ascertain the *time* of its *fulfilment*. Now, it is well known that in this life, every knee has *not* bowed—every tongue has *not* confessed that Jesus Christ is