

CHRISTLESS RELIGION !

(MATT. VII, 22, 23).

THE above title would no doubt offend many an eye, to others it would appear quite out of place at the present time ; the growing goodness of the age, the increase of religion among men is pleaded on every side as a reason for rejecting the hard thought of the world becoming more wicked every day, and man in general on it more hardened and indifferent. It may appear harsh to some who read this paper to hear it stated that Christ is left out of the religion, or so-called Christianity of the great bulk of professors. Christianity is a word used to signify that a man is neither a Jew, Turk, infidel, or heretic, but without any sense of a soul really brought out of the world to God. In the popular use of the word, a man is said to be a *good Christian* though he has never believed on Jesus, has never known the forgiveness of sins, has never known Christ. Then religion, too, is said to be the common portion of nearly all decent professors. They attend their place of worship on the Sabbath or Sunday, they receive the sacrament once a month, or twice a year ; they give their money to spread the Scriptures, or to convert the heathen, and they feel better for it all ; yet are they unchanged, the very same in every respect ; or, if differing from those whom they term profane per-