

be believed as an Article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation." These are among the doctrines which have been preached to you, which lie at the foundation of the religion which you profess, and in reference to which we beseech you to "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel." The advocacy of such views may bring you into reproach with men of the world; nay, it may subject you to charges of enthusiasm, of uncharitableness, or even of sustaining a false position in the Church of which you are members, by those too who profess to be animated by a proper zeal for the Lord of Hosts. Be it so: The tribunal at which we are to be judged will not be composed of fallible men, but of the omniscient Jehovah; the test will be, not human opinions, but the sure word of Divine truth, prayerfully and conscientiously studied for ourselves.

II. But secondly, my brethren, see to it, *that your lives be consistent with the doctrines which you hold.* There are some who, with loud professions of orthodoxy, fail entirely in their practice. They give no evidence in their lives of a heartfelt appreciation of the great saving truths of the Gospel. Their faith is