

Circular Letter.

The Ministers and Messengers composing the Nova-Scotia Baptist Association, met at Clements, June 23d and 24th, 1823, to the Churches which they represent, send Christian salutation.—

DEARLY-BELOVED BRETHREN,

THROUGH the unbounded goodness of God, we are spared while many of our fellow-creatures and fellow-christians have been hurried into eternity. We are happy to inform you, that our Association has been marked with special symptoms of Divine presence and approbation. And as we are increasing as a body, our souls are delighted with, and established in all those sacred truths that enter into the essence of the Gospel system, we feel in our associated capacities holy desires in our souls, that you should, as Churches of Jesus Christ, be likewise intimately acquainted, truly delighted with, and firmly established in those Godlike sentiments and doctrines with ourselves.

1stly, We would call your attention to the doctrine of the Trinity, that is to say; We believe there are three Divine Personalities in the Sacred Godhead, viz. The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; the same in essence, equal in power and glory. Brethren, we beseech you that ye allow no sophistry to entangle your minds, so as to adopt a system of false reasoning about this sublime mystery; so as to shake your minds and entangle you in a vain system of speculation that the word of God does not warrant; but believe the doctrine as an established fact upon the authority of God.

2dly, That God is an absolute Sovereign; that "he reigns in the armies of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth;" and that "none can stay his hand, or say unto him, what doest thou?"—That, "known unto God are all his works from the beginning," that "he works all things according to the councils of his own blessed will;" that "his council shall stand, and he will do all his pleasure;" that he rules in the kingdom of Providence—"His kingdom ruleth over all:" so that nothing can transpire in the moral world

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