

and the bishop to an archbishop; or, in another form, the pastor being responsible to an assembly of his brethren; and they to a larger assembly still. Others value freedom more, and make the individual congregation supreme, and its pastor responsible to none above him. Some lean towards mystery in sacramental observances and ceremonies, to priestly functions, baptismal regeneration, and even to the Real Presence, the actual conveyance of grace by laying on of hands, &c. Others dislike all such things as cannot be readily understood, and repudiate them. Some cling to rigid and orderly statements of creed—others dislike creeds as human additions.

Under the influence of liberty, the tastes and temperaments of men have evolved the churches of to-day; which, while holding the main substance of the faith in common, are divided as to modes of worship, forms of organization, and the metaphysics and philosophy of religion.

It would be interesting to trace out how nearly alike Christians really are, and to note categorically in what their differences consist.

There can be no fellowship between a Heathen and a Christian for he has gods many and lords many, while ours is One; nor between a Mahomedan and a Christian—for while believing in one God, he places Mahomet in a place of superior authority to Jesus Christ; nor between a Jew and a Christian—for, though he acknowledges the same God, he rejects Jesus Christ as Messiah. But fellowship is conceivable between Christians holding great theological truths in common, and being animated by a common sentiment of supreme devotion to Jesus Christ, even though they differ as to other important matters. Taking the oldest known confession of Christian faith, what do we find with regard to it? Take the Apostle's Creed, clause by clause, article by article:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth.	HELD BY } All Christians.
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord.	} All: Even Unitarians acknowledge this.
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.	} All: Save some few Unitarians.
Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into Hades.	} All Christians.