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I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the Power of God
unto Salvation to every one that believeth, ROMANS i. 16.

This is Life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, JOHN xvii. 3.

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THE ultimate intention of this work, is to promote vital christianity, as founded on the scriptures, and derived from the sound and genuine principles of our evangelical reformers; to inculcate and exalt the unspeakable love of God the Father; the rich mercy of his dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ; and the almighty and gracious influences of the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son—the triune God—in providing, purchasing, and applying an estimably great and precious redemption to and for lost sinners, by restoring them from a state of forlorn and desperate misery to a holy and happy union with Jehovah-Jesus (who is Salvation Itself) thro' an infallible and everlasting covenant towards the elect: In order therefore to render our publication such a repository of divine knowledge, as we trust may conduce to this most excellent purpose, we propose to insert therein, from time to time, such sound, savory, and gospel truths and doctrines, as may tend to exalt the glory of Christ, and the perfection of his work.

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The whole is compiled purely with a view to set forth and promote SPIRITUAL RELIGION; and to direct the eye of the soul to a saving sight and sense of,

1st, The helpless state and total apostasy of mankind by original and actual sin.

2dly, The full, free, and perfect salvation of the elect in and by Jesus Christ alone: And,

3dly, To a constant and faithful looking to and reliance on Jesus the incarnate God for his grace, wherein the life of a believer consists, and whereby he enjoys the truest riches of time, and shall attain the glories of eternity.