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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, ROM. 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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R E A D E R.

WE have hitherto invariably aimed to keep up to our title. Consequently in our periodical publications, we have admitted nothing but what is consistent with the gospel of the grace of God: i. e. good news or glad tidings of the transcendently rich, free, everlasting love and favour of the holy blessed and glorious Trinity to miserable, hopeless, helpless, desperate sinners of the human race. Good reason have we to hope our work has not been in vain in the Lord: but that we may conclude, from his blessing upon our Magazine, the weak believer hath been strengthened—the tempted succoured—the dejected comforted—the doubting soul encouraged—and the feeble mind animated to pursue the christian race, looking to and leaning upon **JESUS** the sinner's faithful Friend and precious Saviour, “who is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.” Here the Reader's mind is in no danger of being corrupted by proud, pharisaical tenets, of the *Arminian*; nor poisoned with the licentious tenets of the *Antinomian*. Surely, while we abound in this age with such swarms of heretical doctrines, which are subversive of and destructive to the very vitals of practical, experimental christianity, fully assured are we of the need of such a work as we are engaged in. By the publication of gospel truths, we detect and explode the most pernicious

tenets—at the same time, we are encouraged to go on with our work, from the favourable respect which christians of all denominations have manifested to it. And we doubt not of farther favour and greater encouragement from real christians, whose faith standeth in the word of truth, and whose hope and joy is in the Lord Jesus ONLY. Him we desire alone to exalt, and wish to bring a large revenue of glory to his name.

The ground work and principles upon which this valuable publication is founded, are, The free everlasting love of God to sinners, which disposes him to shew mercy; convinces the sinner he wants it; inclines him to take it freely, and receive it by precious faith; and forms in him a vital union with Christ his mystical head, who by the Holy co-equal Spirit's almighty operation applies the whole work of Jesu's great and precious salvation.

The great variety of subjects treated of in this most useful work, are peculiarly calculated to enforce genuine and primitive christianity, on evangelical and reformation principles, and to inspire the heart with love to and sensible enjoyment of the unspeakable and substantial blessings which are freely bestowed on all real christians who are by faith ingrafted into Christ their living head, and, as such, are deriving from him continual supplies of grace through the sanctifying influences of the eternal Spirit.

Urged by these laudable motives, we presume to hope for the patronage and encouragement of the children of God of *all denominations*; since nothing shall be wanting on our part, through the divine assistance, which may render truth amiable, christianity delightful, sin hateful, Christ Jesus and his salvation precious, and holiness essential to the life of a christian.