

IS NO FOUNDATION-TRUTH IN QUESTION AT READING ?

Extract from "Is it the Truth of the Gospel?" (pages 22 and 23), by Mr Stuart.

"We are told that 'the Lord has borne the judgment of the 'First Man.' Can the writer mean the *Old Man* by 'the *First Man*, as he seems at times to do? This, too, must be rejected. *The Lord did not bear the judgment of a nature*, but the judgment due to individuals. All those whose judgment He bore "will undoubtedly be saved. It will be joy, indeed, when we are forever freed from the presence of sin within us—the *Old Man*. *It would subvert Christianity to teach that the old nature has been atoned for.*"—C. E. S.

[The above will be found to lie at the root of Mr Stuart's teaching in "Christian Standing and Condition."]

Extract from "Either in Adam or in Christ" (pages 29-32), by Mr Darby.

"But we may now see what, in the substance and purpose of it, "was the import of the Cross. As regards the previous Adam state "and its fruits. . . . it was, by the deep and blessed work of "atonement, the total putting away of all guilt for the believer, all "the fruits of the old nature were blotted out and effaced—gone out "of God's sight. . . . *But there was the tree as well as the "fruit*, the evil will, the lawlessness of *nature Jew or Gentile*, by "nature the children of wrath. *But Christ has died a sacrifice for "sin*. 'What the law could not do in that it was weak through the "flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and "for sin [a sacrifice for sin, *peri hamartias*] condemned sin in the "flesh.' Sin in the flesh, the principle of evil working and producing "sin in us, is condemned. I do not say sins are, but sin; but it is "condemned *when a sacrifice was made for it*. . . . It is not "forgiven; we doubtless are as to it. An evil principle cannot "properly be forgiven; it is condemned, *but put away judicially by "atonement in the sight of God by Christ's sacrifice*. All that constituted the *Old Man* in God's sight is ~~put~~ away wholly in Christ's "death, and that judicially by a work which has glorified God as to "it; it was what became Him. Thus far God has been glorified by "Christ's perfect personal obedience as man, and by His work in "atonement for sin."—J. N. D.

Reader, Which Doctrine would "subvert Christianity"
—*Rev. III. 11.*

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