

“ said the Apostle Paul to the Ministers of the
 “ Church of Ephesus and its dependent Churches, and to the whole flock, in which the
 “ Holy Ghost has placed you Bishops to rule
 “ the Church of God, which he has acquired
 “ with his Blood.” *Acts*, 20th chap. 28th v.
 Hence *St. Peter* calls the faithful “ a people of
 “ acquisition,” 1st Epist. chap. 2. v. 9. because they were purchased by Jesus Christ at the price of his blood. “ And my servant
 “ *David* shall be King over them, and one
 “ Shepherd over them all.” *Ezekiel*, 37th chap. 24th v. “ and my servant *David* their
 “ Prince for ever,” 25th v.

“ Like a Shepherd he will feed his flock,”
Isaias, 40th chap. 11th v.—’tis needless to remark that by *David* the Prophets understood the *Messias* who was to be of *David's* race. The Saviour says of himself, “ I am the good Shepherd,” *John*, 10th chap. 11th v.—and the 16th v. he says, “ there will be one
 “ Fold and one Shepherd.” Hence *St. Paul* to the *Heb.* chap. 13, v. 20, “ the God of
 “ Peace, who raised from the dead the great
 “ Shepherd of the Sheep in the blood of an
 “ eternal testament, our *Lord Jesus Christ* ;”
 of this Great Pastor ’tis said in the 2d Psalm, 9th v. “ thou shalt rule them with a rod of
 “ iron.” To shew the inflexible equity of his judgments and his absolute power ; and *St. Paul* to the *Romans*, chap. 15, v. 12, citing the prophet *Isaias*, says, “ there will be a root
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