

employs language, every word of which directly points to the truth that His will and authority are paramount and supreme ; and that the laws contained in His word—which are as patent to the eye and intelligible to the minds of those who are governed, as to those who govern—are simply to be *administered* by those who govern, not judged of by them, as to whether in their opinion, it be expedient, desirable, or at all times safe, to administer them as He has commanded. “ And Jesus came and spake unto the eleven disciples, saying, all power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you : and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. He that heareth you heareth *me* ; and he that despiseth you despiseth Him that sent me. Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you : and *ye shall be witnesses unto me*, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” And in the addresses of the Lord of all, it is no less remarkable that His will and determination are expressed, that in the administration of His laws by His servants, to whom power from the Holy Spirit should be imparted for this special purpose, while His glory should be advanced, the happiness and edification of His people, individually and collectively, should be promoted and secured. These advantages are inseparably connected. Wherever the honor of Christ as supreme Lord is acknowledged and promoted, the happiness and comfort of believers in Christ, as a Body, are necessarily enjoyed : as, wherever Christ is not supremely honored, there is the abounding of every evil work.

And the same truth, that Christ is Supreme, is set forth in the very words which are employed as the names of His servants to whom the administration of His laws is connected. From among those who followed Him as disciples or *scholars*, He chose twelve, whom he called Apostles, because He *sent* them to preach the Gospel, or good news—that even the chief of Sinners, believing on His name, might live for ever, through His death. “ The servant is not greater than His Lord : neither he that is *sent*, greater than He that *sent* him.” After our Lord’s ascension to Heaven, they were endowed with extraordinary gifts by the Holy Spirit, to enable them to deliver, authoritatively and infallibly, the will of God, concerning the method of Salvation through Jesus Christ to enable them to be to individuals, and families, and nations, ambassadors in the room of Christ,—until the written word of the Lord should be prepared and circulated, as the only infallible guide now, and to continue to be so until the end shall come—the substance of the proclamation of these Divinely appointed witnesses for Christ being—“ re-