

serve God day and night in his temple, and experience the blessedness of the dead that die in the Lord. You will easily perceive that this Church, even that part of it on earth (and of this we now principally speak) is holy, not nominally, but really so, for it is composed of holy members. "If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature." Rest assured of this, THAT HE WHO LOVES SIN, AND LIVES IN IT, IS NO MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. This Church is Catholic—or to use the better term, because better understood, and less liable to misconstruction—it is universal. It is composed of pious believers of all places, and of all ages, those who are redeemed to God by the merits and grace of Jesus Christ out of all nations and kindreds, and people, and tongues. Let it likewise be distinctly noted, that this Church must by no means be identified with either any particular Church, or with any number, or with even the whole collection of particular Churches. The vast Congregation of professing Christians is not the Church of Christ. To this latter a man cannot possibly belong unless he have personal piety; to the former he may belong