

This dogma of purgatory is an unscriptural dogma. I maintain my proposition, not on this platform—it is impossible to explain all Roman Catholic sophisms—but I am ready to answer any Roman Catholic priest, any Roman Catholic bishop or cardinal on this point, and to maintain my faith in Christ, my faith in the redemption of Christ, against all purgatory. I challenge you to prove by Scripture by the Gospel, that dogma of purgatory. If you do, I will recognize the dogma; but if you are wrong in your interpretation of the Scriptures, if you have altered your Bible, believe me, for it is a fact, that this dogma of purgatory is only an invention of the Pope and Popery against the Bible. It is unscriptural.

But this unscriptural dogma, pagan in its origin, is very insulting to Christ, our Saviour and our Redeemer. "After death we need a prison in order that our souls may be clean before God, in order to arrive to the eternal life in heaven." No, no. St John sweetly said,—"The blood of Christ makes us clean;" and, therefore the blood of Christ alone, when we confess our sins to Christ and to God, makes our justification and our Salvation. Oh, we heretics, we Protestants; we, excommunicated by the Church of Rome; we have more esteem for the blood of Christ than Rome itself, and all the Popes and Popery! We firmly believe, and we will die in support of our belief,—we firmly believe, that Christ suffices for our redemption, that our redemption is fulfilled by Christ; that the blood of Christ is a blood of infinite merit to cleanse us from our sins, to make us gracious before God; we firmly believe, that the death of Christ suffices, the blood of Christ suffices, without purgatory, and without purgation after death. O God, confirm us in our faith in the Gospel to destroy such a cruel dogma, which changes your beloved Son into a cruel inquisitor, a cruel executioner! The Church of Rome, not satisfied with having persecuted, by means of the Inquisition while living, all true Christians, has invented the dogma of purgatory, in order to have the cruel satisfaction to persecute, even after death, the souls of Christian people in the piles, fagots, and torture of purgatory. Yes, only the Church of the Inquisition could have invented such a dogma; for Christ is too benevolent, too quiet too peaceful, to have the sacrifice of these souls in purgatory. Then we will have our faith in Christ against the cruelty, the brutality of the Church of Rome.

Now, what is this dogma in regard to the Church? It is a chain of absurdities and inconsistencies. In the Church of Rome, it is not