

Jewish priesthood abolished, and the Deicide nation cursed by God, with their condemnation on their brow, scattered to the winds, a living testimony of the Divinity of Jesus Christ, the Messiah whom they rejected, of His holy spouse the Church which he founded on the top of Calvary's hill, when the centurion of the Romans pierced his side with the spear, and thence oozed the blood of redemption and water of regeneration.

No, beloved brethren, there is no unity in the Jewish religion. Nor is it to be found in the Greek Church. This Church once so glorious by the immortal geniuses it gave birth to; which could boast of a Chrysostom, a Basil, and a Cyprian, flourishing, while in union with the See of Rome, is no longer, but a vast ruin. What has divested her of all her glory? It was schism. Instead of a fearless pilot at the head of the Church, I find weak-minded patriarchs, the slaves and bondsmen of the Sultan and the Czar. Ah, beloved brethren, we have here a striking example of the justice of God, who ever punishes in the way the sin is committed. The Greek schism was born in pride and ambition, with resistance to lawful authority, and that Church not wishing to submit to the mildest authority in the world, rivetted the chains on its own hands, and now groans under the yoke of the most revolting tyranny the world ever saw!

Let us now come down the steps of history to modern times, and see if the thousand and one sects claiming to be Christian, possess this essential characteristic of the True Church, viz., unity. Is there unity of faith and government in the Protestant religion?

In the Anglican Church there is a semblance of hierarchy, but where is the head of that episcopacy? From whom do the Anglican bishops hold their power and appointment? From the Crown, you will answer. Yes, from the Queen of England. What an absurdity! It was then to a woman whom St. Paul commanded to be silent in ecclesiastical matters; it was to her that Christ addressed those solemn words, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church."

There is no unity in the Church of England. There is the High Church and the Low Church, the Broad Church, the Established and the Reformed Episcopalian; and then you have the Puseyites or Ritualists, who are aping at Catholicity, but are as far from the Church of Rome as the heavens from the earth, for there is ever an immeasurable distance between truth and error, between light and darkness. Neither is there unity in the Lutheran or Calvinistic sects. Protestantism is split up into innumerable sects, all at variance one with the other. I could not here attempt to name all the sects that spring from the schism of Henry VIII. In Great Britain, they number over 8,000. They have as many creeds as Churches or congregations, yea, as many as families or individuals. They convoke synods, and unions, and conferences in order to form some outward show of unity, but the result is always a new sect, the natural offspring of their convention.

Protestantism divided and split up into thousands of sects, all at variance one with the other, each denying what the others assert; failing to unite in doctrine and ministry they are united and bound together in hatred of the Catholic Church. Nor is this to be wondered at, it is another mark of her divinity. Listen to our Lord Jesus Christ to his Apostles, St. John xv., 18, 19. "If the world hate you, know ye that it hath hated Me before you. If