

are all reduced to a 'show.' They may, indeed, wilfully continue to officiate, yet it is but a show, a mere farce! Jesus has 'made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in his Cross.' Paul declares (Col. 2 : 14) in the most unequivocal manner, that Christ had 'blotted out the hand-writing of ordinances—taken it out of the way—nailed it to the Cross;' and as if to prevent all cavil, actually names the 'Sabbath days' among the ordinances which he had just said were 'taken out of the way.'

But there was a mighty change somewhere in the neighborhood of the Cross and the resurrection! That despised Nazarene, who was a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; who a few days before, had not where to lay his head, is *now* Monarch of the Universe. The Apostle could say, 'We HAVE known Christ after the flesh, but henceforth we know him no more.' He has triumphed. God has made him both Lord and Christ. Hear it from his own lips:—'ALL POWER IS GIVEN UNTO ME IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH.' If all power in Heaven and in Earth, will not make a king, how much power, pray, will it require? Is it not the work of a king to destroy principalities and powers, and make a show of them openly? He encountered, in person, the king of terrors, and bore away the keys of his dominions; and Paul says he triumphed. Was not this the work of a king? a mighty king? Having obtained 'all power,' he proceeds to commission his officers of State. He sends out his 'Ambassadors' called also Apostles, whose commission we have just examined: but he adds 'tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.' They tarried accordingly in Jerusalem until Pentecost, when they were duly invested with the promised power. They then preached under the new commission for the *first time*. The astonished multitude enquiring 'What shall we do?' Peter, the man with the keys, replies:—'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.' Acts 2 : 38 'IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.' This is the first time in the history of the Divine government, that sins were ever remitted *in Christ's name*. That no capital offender, in any kingdom, was ever pardoned, in the name of any one, except in the name of the *Reigning King*, is a fact, that never can be met by any son of Adam.

From the Cross to Pentecost, a period of fifty days, we have no record