

despiseth Me despiseth Him who sent Me" (Luke, x. 16). "Behold I am with you all days unto the consummation of the world" (Matt. xxviii. 20). The Church is an infallible guide. Christ could not tell us to obey any other. He promised infallibility to his Church. "And He said to Peter, thou art a rock, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. xvi. 18).

Q. Which is the more reasonable rule: the word of God interpreted by an infallible Church, or the same word by a body of men who are fallible, and whose creeds may be formed or reformed by other men?

A. Certainly the Word of God, interpreted by an infallible church—the Church of Christ.

Q. Are Catholics prohibited to read the Bible?

A. No; Bibles are sold in all Catholic book stores, and there are few Catholics who are able to procure the Bible that have not one. It is an old calumny, having for its foundation, that Catholics are prohibited from *interpreting* the Bible according to individual fancies. Interpreting the Bible by individuals has been the source of a multitude of errors, false doctrines, and so-called religions. A respectable Protestant publisher in this city informs us that in one year he sold one thousand Catholic Bibles. Every Sunday at Mass, throughout the entire world, Catholic Priests read and explain the Gospel and Epistle of the day to the people.

Q. Did not Christ command his disciples to search the Scriptures?