

it." But what is the Church of Christ? Observe the exact import of the question; it is not, what is *a* Christian Church, but what is *the* Church of Christ? On this rock will I build my Church. We reply, it is the whole Congregation of real Christian believers in heaven and in earth. Those who compose this Church on earth believe in the Lord Jesus with their hearts unto righteousness, with a faith which working by love purifies the heart, and consequently, as it must reform the life, is evinced by an universal obedience to the commands of God. They are 'living stones,' builded on that foundation which God hath laid in Zion. Each individual is a temple of the Holy Ghost; and the whole company are "built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom, all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto an Holy temple in the Lord."* Those who compose this Church in heaven, are the Spirits of just men made perfect; those who have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb. These

* Eph. 2—20, 21.