

them. This brings the instructions of our Lord and the teaching thereunder of His Disciples into harmony with the obvious recognized and accepted statement.

“Who can forgive sins but God alone.”—Luke 5:21. The message of our Lord and the teaching given thereunder are at one with His plan of salvation taught from the beginning to the end of His ministry, of a free salvation to all, conditioned on faith in Him.

This wonderful message and present and free salvation the Disciples were authorized to proclaim on the condition presented by the Master.

(2) You ask an explanation of the text: “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”—Phil. 2:9, 10. Bishop Lightfoot in his Commentary on the Philippians, as also the revised version, gives “in the name of Jesus.” that is, “in the majesty,” “in the power,” “in the might.” This name which is above every name; this name of humiliation which is now the name of honour acclaimed in heaven. Observe that it is not at the name Jesus or in the name Jesus, but *at* or in the name *of* Jesus.

It is to my mind very obvious that this bowing has no reference whatever to the posture of a worshipper in the service of our Church. It refers to the period of the great exaltation of our Lord and Master in such a passage as is found in Rev. 5:13: “And every creature which is in heaven and in the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.” This is the adoration to Jesus the Lamb by every created thing.