

nounce the worshipping of idols. The members of the Church of Rome bow the knee to images and pictures of their saints; they kneel before the Virgin giving her the homage due to God; and also before the image of Christ on the cross. What do they mean by this? They tell us that through these images they worship God. Be it so. We tell them in return that it is gross idolatry. The Israelites made a golden calf at the foot of Sinai in the absence of their leader, and set it up as an image through which they might worship God. How was their worship received by Him who is very jealous of His honor? Let the sequel tell. When Moses came down from the Mount and saw the shame of his people, he stood in the gate of the camp and cried, "Who is on the Lord's side, let him come unto me." The sons of Levi came and he commanded them to take their swords, and to go through the camp, and slay every man, his brother, his companion, his neighbor. Yes, for the same kind of idol-worship as observed by the Church of Rome at this hour, three thousand were slain by Heaven's command at the foot of Sinai. The members of the true Church confess their sins to God alone, and believe that he alone can forgive them. The Church of Rome commands her members to confess their sins to her priests, and to look to them for pardon. The Council of Trent declared as follows:—"Whosoever shall affirm the priests living in mortal sin, have not the power of forgiving sin and granting absolution. Let him be accursed." The members of the true Church believe that the Sacrifice of Christ for sin can never be repeated. When He offered His body, He did it, as the Bible says, "once for all." "After he had offered one Sacrifice for sin forever, sat down on the right hand of God." But the Church of Rome binds her members to believe that in every Mass there is true and proper Sacrifice offered up to God as a propitiation for the sins of the living and the dead and that Sacrifice is the offering up of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of the Lord Jesus. Every priest in office, be he who he may, has the power to transform a wafer or piece of dough into the real body of the God man. Moses performed mighty miracles in Egypt; the Apostles astonished the men of the day by their wonderful works; Christ wrought the greatest of all miracles; He raised to life the corrupting dead. But neither Moses, nor the Apostles, nor Christ himself ever did anything to compare with what every Romish priest performs times without number during his life. "Who hath ever heard anything like this; He who created me, if I may so speak, hath granted me power to create him; and he who created me without me, is created by my means." The Church of Rome teaches also that Christ's death is not sufficient to atone for sin, and therefore, salvation must, to a certain extent, be purchased. The poor penitent burdened and bowed down under the weight of sin is commanded to do penance for his sins. He must go on pilgrimage, or repeat a certain number of prayers, or count his beads, or perform some other religious austerity to atone for his guilt. How different this from what is taught in the word of God. Here Christ is represented as sufficient to atone for the sins of the world; there the sinner is without power to atone for a single transgression; there salvation is full and offered to all as the free gift of God "without money and without price."

But time would fail me to speak of the unscriptural sacraments, of a perverted Bible, of superstitious rites, of profane practices, of the fires of Purgatory, of the doom of those who make bad confessions, and of the Christian