

Above all, ground yourselves firmly in a comprehension of *the three Bible foreviews of Romanism* to which I have directed your attention, for the sword of the Spirit is the word of God.

Lastly, I would urge you to avoid all tampering with the bastard Romanism which is called RITUALISM, or High Churchism, and which abounds, alas! all over England. It is simply Romanism slightly diluted, Popery disguised with a thin veil. Wherever you have a "priest" instead of a preacher, an "altar" instead of a communion table, wax candles instead of the sunshine of Divine truth, ceremonial instead of sound doctrine, sacraments instead of saving grace, intoned liturgies instead of earnest, heartfelt prayers, splendid music instead of spiritual worship, gorgeous vestments instead of gospel truth, tradition and "the Church" instead of "as it is written," and crossings instead of Christ,—*there you have Romanism, no matter what it may be called.* Beware of it, however attractive the architecture and the incense, the music and the solemn ceremonial. Think of the apostles and their upper chamber; remember that Judaism gave us "a shadow of good things to come," *not a model to be imitated*, and that all this outward show is not worship "in spirit and in truth," such as God our