

CHAPTER II.

UNITY OF THE CHURCH.

Q. How does Scripture speak of the Unity of the Church?

A. "There is one Body and one Spirit even as ye are called in one Hope of your calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in you all."

Q. We have found a distinction in the sense of the words used in Scripture to describe the Church; to which does the aforesaid passage refer, the Church visible or the Church spiritual?

A. To the latter, as it treats of those in actual fellowship with Christ.

Q. What does it affirm concerning them?

A. That they are one in character.

Q. Why?

A. Because they have all been made to drink into one spirit."

Q. Can this be said of all members of the Visible Church?

A. No, not all of these have the Spirit.

Q. How may the primary unity of the Church be most properly described?

A. As an invisible *oneness*.

Q. Is there any difference between uniformity and unity?

A. Yes. The one refers to the Visible, the other to the Spiritual Church.

Q. Which are we considering now?

A. The latter.

Q. What article of the Creed speaks of this spiritual unity?

A. The third article, the latter part: "the communion of saints."

Q. What do you understand by the word saints?

A. Holy persons; true believers.

Q. What does this clause of the Creed affirm concerning them?