

One to see corruption. For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: but he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you."

ON SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES.

No. 2.

OF WHOM THE SCRIPTURES TESTIFY.

THE Bible, correctly speaking, is the history of God, manifest in the flesh, to take away the sin of the world. It is declared by Jesus Christ himself, that the Scriptures testify of him: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." John v. 39.

It is generally allowed that the New Testament testifies of Jesus Christ; but many think that the Old contains very little concerning him. It ought however to be noticed, that when Jesus said to the Jews, "Search the Scriptures, for they testify of me," it was to the Old Testament Scriptures he expressly referred, for the New Testament was not then written. The Jews divided their Scriptures into three classes. The first contained the five books of Moses, which they called the *law*; the second was called the *prophets*, which contained their writings; and the third, called by the Jews *Chetubim*, and by the Greeks *Hagiographa*, which included the book of Psalms and the books of Solomon. This division of the Old Testament Scriptures seems to be recognized in the New Testament; and it is declared that each of these divisions of the Sacred Writings testifies of Christ.

Christ addressing his disciples, said, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself," Luke xxiv. 25-27. He adds, at the 44th verse of the same chapter, "These are the words which I spake unto you, while