

The Church and Her Ways.

BRIEF EXPLANATION: I. WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

Christianity is a living organism, an institution, and not merely a philosophy, or scheme of doctrine.

Christ did not write a book. Other great masters did, and left their doctrines to work their way in the world. Christ did not so. The very first act of His ministry was to gather a few persons around Him and form a society. We know the names and number of that society—the twelve disciples. At first they were only disciples—learners. He kept them near Him: He taught them by word and example. His parables He explained privately to them only. He trained them for their work by sending them out two and two, to preach and heal. Later on He chose seventy others and sent them out. There were evidently three ranks among these: Himself, the head; the twelve next, and third, the seventy. Just before His Ascension Christ raised the twelve to the first rank, saying, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

The first act of the Apostles after this was to choose one to take the place of Judas, showing thereby that the society, or organization, was to be kept up. At that time the disciples in Jerusalem had increased to one hundred and twenty, Acts i. 15. The organism was complete, but it had not received the breath of life. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was breathed into this organism, and it became active and aggressive. This was the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the new birth of the Church.

Soon after this we find the Church choosing deacons, and the Apostles ordaining them by laying on of hands. Next we read of elders, or presbyters, or priests, evidently differing in office from Apostles and deacons. The Apostles go forth to the cities of the world, preaching and ordaining elders in every city.

Thus the living society is enlarged, and has in it all the germs for continuance. All this is in full operation years before the first line of the New Testament was written. It shows that Christ's first and great method for saving souls was not to write a book or propound a philosophy, which might have been done by some prophet, but was to found a Church in living connection with Himself. He being the first and Head. The great purpose was realized, and to-day, the Holy Catholic Church exists as the result. Through the Church, the last consecrated Bishop, the last baptized child, is linked in living human connection with the Man Jesus of Nazareth. The hands of Jesus were lifted up over the Apostles, theirs laid on their successors, and so on until they rest on Christians to-day—practically the hands of

Jesus stretching down through the ages. This is the Church, Christ's Body, and no book, no philosophy, no mere human association, can take its place or do its work.

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