

Nation ; called " Israel." Such were the provisions of the Old Testament, that the Jews only were regarded as the children of God ; hence when Gentiles applied to Jesus for personal favors, he replied, " Let the children first be filled." Mark 7 : 27. " I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." Matt. 15 : 24. Not only so, but the first apostolic commission (Matt. 10 : 5) given before the death of the testator, contained an express prohibition—" Go not into the way of the Gentiles." Is it not surprising that Gentiles should ever think of claiming salvation, under a commission that so positively excluded them ?

The two most prominent items in the first commission, the *prohibition* " Go not into the way of the Gentiles," and the proclamation, " The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," are not so much as named in the last commission. The imagination that can make these two identical, will find no difficulty in converting bread and wine into real flesh and blood. The last Apostolic Commission differs from the first in all essential features :—

1. The last Commission (Matt. 28) contains the announcement, " All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth ;" but the first (Matt. 10,) contains no such announcement.
2. The last says, " Go ye therefore and teach ALL NATIONS:" but the first said, " GO NOT into the way of the Gentiles."
3. The last says, " baptizing them : " but the first contains *no baptism*.
4. The last says, ' in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; ' but the first did not contain this trinity at all.
5. The last also, says, ' I am with you alway, even to the end of the world ; ' but the first contained no such promise whatever.
6. The last says, " Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever *I have commanded you ;* " the last contains no such injunction ; but on the contrary, a short time before his death, he had said to them, (Matt. 23 : 2,) ' All therefore whatsoever **THEY** (the Jewish rulers) bid you observe, that observe and do.' What a wonderful change has a few days wrought ! What a wonderful change has the Cross wrought ! All extol the Cross of Christ, yet few understand the wonders of the Cross. Jesus has attained the Cross and the resurrection.—The veil of the temple is rent from top to bottom—' Moses' seat ' is vacated forever.—The meek one has retired ; and the principalities and powers under him