

way of truth, and obliged God to send them Prophets, and to chastise them, that they might be compelled to remember and observe the Law he had given them by his servant Moses.

All the ruins which have been discovered, attest that the ancient nations, which had only a traditionary knowledge of God, all fell into idolatry, and that frequently connected with obscene and bloody rites; calculated at all times, however, to increase the revenues of the Priesthood.

Since the advent of Christ, the nations which have persevered in regarding their traditions, have remained idolatrous, to wit, the Chinese, the Hindoos, the Islanders of the Pacific, &c. &c. Others early forsook their traditions, and embraced the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He alone is the "true light, which enlighteneth the world," and He alone gives to those that "believe, power to become the sons of God, even to those that believe in his name," while in Him they seek for wisdom, righteousness, and sanctification: for of God he is made to them "wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption."

Little by little, the imaginary traditions of Rome were established, and the Priesthood obstinately determined to adhere to them, have led the people into idolatry and superstition. They cause on Good Friday the cross to be kissed and worshipped; they also procure the adoration of a piece of bread, said to be God himself. And on the day of his accession to the papal chair, the Pope is placed on the altar, instead of the Holy Sacrament, (which as just said above, is regarded as God,) and the Cardinals and people pay him a similar homage.

These facts abundantly prove, that men have always corrupted oral tradition, and that tradition alone has ever led men into superstition and sin. It is, then, alone to the written word of God, the perfect rule of faith and morals, that such as desire to serve God and do his will must look; but at the last day, this dreadful sentence should be uttered against them: "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity." By the word, we may enter the narrow way which leads to life. Luke XIII. 24 to 23.

CLEARNESS OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We have proved that the Holy Scriptures contain all that is necessary to salvation, that they furnish the only rule of faith, that neither private interpretation, Romish interpretation, nor Romish unwritten tradition, can provide such a rule. It remains