

these,—“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of world.” Of course these words were not intended to apply to the disciples only, whom our Lord was then addressing, for they were soon to depart from life. They apply, doubtless, to all his faithful followers in every age and country, who should continue to teach others. And what were they to teach? Not the “*traditions of fallible men*.” They were to teach all things whatsoever he had commanded them; and nothing contrary to those things. And so the gracious Lord has ever been, and will be, with all his ministers and other followers who shall continue to teach the truths He had commanded, and has in the whole of his Sacred Word directed to be taught. He has been, and ever will be, with all such faithful disciples, to enlighten, to guide, to support and comfort them, while so engaged in His glorious service. But how can these passages be wrested and applied to support the doctrine of infallibility in any visible Church here below, or to show that they apply to the Roman Church exclusively, or to any other organized and visible Church whatever? They have no reference nor contain the least intimation regarding *infallibility* in the Church or in any bishop or other official, or in any person whatsoever. He has promised the like presence and support for all his followers who prove obedient, for he says, “He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me,” and “I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.” And, again, “If a man love me, he will keep my Words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him.” The Scriptural truth is, that the real Church of Christ is composed of all true and obedient believers. Although these may be connected in visible fellowship, under various human denominations, yet they all agree in holding Him as the Head, in all His Divine and gracious offices; they hold all the essential and saving truths of His holy religion, obediently observe His precepts, and enjoy the light and comfort of His Spirit. The express passages of Scripture to show that such characters