

Concerning the Church

members of the Church, and should be able and ready to tell others the reasons of the love that is in us for the Church of our fathers.

47. Are There Special Reasons Why We Should Love and Live for Our Church ?

There are four special reasons why we should love and live for our Church.

48. What is the First Reason ?

We should love the Church of England because *it is so pure and true*. The Church of England not only stands for the great truths of religion ; it teaches them daily. That is, the truths of the ever blessed Trinity ; the Fatherhood and love of God ; the Deity, and Incarnation, and Atonement of Jesus Christ the Son of God, both God and man ; the personality and work of God the Holy Ghost, the Abiding Comforter. It holds fast the form of sound words of the Catholic and Apostolic Church, and teaches them in the Apostles and Nicene and Athanasian Creeds. And in the thirty-nine articles, " which do contain the true doctrine of the Church of England," we learn how the Church's teaching is agreeable to God's word. We should thank God that our Church is so pure and true.

49. What is the Second Reason ?

We should love our Church because *it is so Scriptural*. The Church of England exalts the Holy Scriptures. The Bible is the basis of all her teaching and worship. No other Church has so much of the Word of God in the public services. Our morning and evening services begin and end with Bible texts, and every person who attends the daily services of the Church of England hears or reads on the average over fifteen passages out of the Bible every day. We should thank God for the place the Bible has in the Church of England.