

prove, it is what the Church universal has received for eighteen hundred years as the doctrine of Scripture.

II. *Reason for believing Dissenters to be in a state of great danger.*

When our Lord Jesus Christ sent forth his apostles to convert and teach all nations, his commission was as follows:—"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (Matt. xxviii. 19.)—He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved."—(Mark xvi. 16.) There cannot be, I suppose, a difference of opinion as to the plain meaning of these words; namely, that faith *and* baptism are necessary to salvation. This position may be strengthened by very many passages from the Acts of the Apostles, as in the case of St. Paul, the Ethiopian eunuch, and the Philippian jailor, in which it invariably appears that as soon as a new convert professed his faith in Christ, he was straightway baptized; *nor was he a member of the Christian Church, until that holy sacrament had been received.*

Now, I entreat my dissenting readers, and I do so most solemnly and earnestly, to bear with my bigotry and illiberality, when I express my serious apprehensions that they *have never received Christian baptism.* What, some will say, do you unchristianize us? Was there ever such bigotry? All I answer is, abuse, but hear me. The question is not, whether the statement is liberal or illiberal, but whether it is true or false.

Let me beg of you to take the word of God for your guide, and consider whether you can *prove* to your own satisfaction that you have ever certainly been baptised. What is baptism? and who can perform that holy ceremony? If any person, no matter who, throw water on me, and utter certain words, would that be Christian baptism? Would God's grace go with it? Can a child