

Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in them Thy manifold gifts of grace: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the Spirit of Thy holy fear.'

Such is the Sevenfold Seal of the blessed Spirit of God; and it is the more precious because this is the same Holy Spirit wherewith JESUS our Lord became the Anointed, the Christ. (*Acts* x. 38.) For doth not Isaiah say, 'There shall come forth a Rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, and the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD, and shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord.' (*Isaiah* xi. 1, 2.) In this manner, it may be, that 'Him hath God the Father sealed.' (*St. John* vi. 27.) How should even our chief pastors dare to hand on to us that awful Seal, that wonderful Anointing, but that we are His members, and His blessings flow down to us, as did the oil on Aaron's head to the utmost parts of his clothing? (*Psalms* cxxxiii.)

Who, then, would presume to turn away from the Seal of the Holy Spirit, by which we are to