

of Christian congregations, no, not even the whole body of professing Christians, could they all meet together, have any authority to make new laws binding on mens' consciences. **JESUS CHRIST IS THE SUPREME GOVERNOR, AND SOLB FOUNDATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**

**CHRISTIAN Brethren, let us not forget the practical tendency of the passage before us. It is not enough that you see its meaning, that you guard against mistaken opinions. You are most unequivocally pointed by it to Jesus as the only rock of Salvation. Every encouragement is given you to build upon it. If on this you repose your confidence, you shall remain unshaken even though the world be dissolved. On the other hand, recollect this Stone may be to you a Stone of stumbling and a rock of offence; you may fall on it and be broken, it may fall on you and grind you to powder. Be not deceived; God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap. With whatever body of professing Christians we may be connected, though their doctrine be pure and their discipline correct as in the**