

dispensation; and the last how *all* men could be members of the kingdom of Messiah, and enjoy pardon and the Holy Spirit. The former came with terror and consternation, and the latter as the sound of a rushing mighty wind; but the instructions from God succeeded each: to one, the law was announced—to the other, the Gospel of salvation, the way to eternal life.

But, Sir, time would fail me to recount all my reflections concerning the Kingdom of God. This for the present must suffice to acquaint you how I was led to believe in the establishment of the church of Christ. But when I had followed your good advice thus far, it opened a wide field before me; for I then began to inquire how those persons became members of the church of Christ! This brought me back to the scenes which had preserved themselves to me in your meeting. Persons in that meeting, by their grief and sorrow, in silent eloquence, if not in unutterable groans, said to their teachers and others, what must we do? And what was the answer—"come here and kneel down; and we will pray that God may have mercy upon and set your souls at liberty." If not in so many words, this was the instruction given. But, Sir, I could not find this in my New Testament—no, not one word of it. Not one word about preachers or laymen taken heaven by violence in prayer to God—nothing about meetings to pray for penitents, or any necessity of begging and pleading with God to forgive the sins of any, unless in *obeying* his commands. From all that I could discover, it appeared to me that God was always more willing to bless and save a sinner than he was to be saved. And the Saviour taught "that it was not every one who said Lord, Lord, but he who should *do* the will of his father."

From a contemplation of your meeting, I turned to that of thousands on the day of Pentecost. Here, I learned that the Spirit filled not the multitude but the Apostles, and them it enabled to preach in all languages; and when the people were convicted of their sins, they ask—"men and brethren what shall we do?" Peter said "*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*" Acts 2d chap. 38th verse.

Here, then, I was forced to the conclusion that the people—1st Heard and believed; 2d, They repented; 3d, Were baptized; 4th, For remission of sins; 5th, They then received the Holy Spirit: and through all the Acts of the Apostles and Epistles, I found this to be the invariable rule by which they entered into the Kingdom of Christ. Such persons are addressed as being "once under the power of darkness, but now translated into the Kingdom of God's dear Son."

Now, Sir, be patient with me. As I desire to obtain information, be so kind as to answer me these questions:—

1st, Is it not very plainly proved from the foregoing portions of the New Testament that the Kingdom of Jesus Christ was not set up until the day of Pentecost?

2d, Is it not as evident that none became citizens, until after they had believed, repented, and had been baptized?

3d, Is there a promise of justification here, or eternal life in the