

that her kind benefactress had brought her to him. 'Was I not right in telling you,' said he, 'that if you met with any good fortune, you should receive it with an humble confidence, and that if on the contrary, any evil should befall you, it should be borne with resignation? You see that God has loaded you with great favours during your life, and that he has not abandoned you at the moment when this terrible misfortune was impending over you. Serve him always therefore with gratitude, and you may always reckon on the assistance of his grace. This mark of tenderness which he has shewn you at a moment when you thought all was lost, is a proof that he watches over you.'

'But,' said Sophy anxiously, 'does this cross belong to me? Am I not guilty of an injustice to the relatives of my former benefactress in keeping this valuable article? I fear it may be wrong not to restore it.'

To be continued.

### TESTIMONIES IN FAVOUR OF CATHOLICITY FROM MARTIN LUTHER.

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#### ON THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR.

This article is not without foundation in the Scriptures, and was not invented by man, for it is most clearly expressed in the Gospel, instituted by the very words of Jesus Christ Himself, which are the foundation of this article. It has been believed and carried down from the very beginning of the Christian Church to the present time, as the works and writings of the Greek and Latin Holy Fathers prove, and it is confirmed by the continued custom and practice of the Church which has caused it to come down to our time. This testimony of the entire holy Christian Church, were it even the only testimony, should, *of itself, be sufficient*, and convince us of this article, and no longer allow us to hear, or permit any spirit of contradiction or doubt on this subject. For it is frightful and dangerous to hear or believe any thing contrary to the testimony, the faith, and the unanimous and constant doctrine of the entire holy Christian Church for the last fifteen hundred years. If this article were new, if it were not as ancient as the Christian Church itself, or if it had not been believed in *all* the churches of the Christian world, it would not be so dangerous or so frightful to doubt or to dispute its *truth*, but as it has come down to us by an uninterrupted tradition throughout all Christianity, whoever dares to doubt it, refuses thereby to believe in the Christian Church, and, not only rejects it, as a heretic

but condemns Jesus Christ Himself, together with the prophets and apostles, who announced the article, saying, "I believe the holy Christian Church."

Jesus Christ says in Saint Matthew, chapter xxix. 'And behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world.'

And Saint Paul, Second Epistle to Timothy, chapter iii. calls the Church of God '*the pillar and the ground of truth*.'

Luther vol. v. p. 499, a. Jena. A. D. 1552.

#### ON THE VISIBLE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.

The Christian Church always preserves the words of Christ in her heart, and examines them and compares them, not only with themselves, but, with the Holy Scriptures. Hence it is that whoever wishes to find Jesus Christ ought *first* to seek the church. How could any one know where Jesus Christ is, unless he knew where *His* faithful are? Whoever wishes to know Jesus Christ and His doctrine, *must not trust to himself*, or attempt, *by his own private reason*, to make a road to Heaven for himself, but he must seek the Church, go to the Church and consult the Church.

Nevertheless the Church does not consist of a mass of wood and stones, but it is the Society of the Faithful, and it is with them we must be united; we must believe with them, and teach as *they* teach, for *they* live in Jesus Christ. Because out of the Christian Church, there is *no* Faith, *no* Christ, *no* Salvation!!!

Luther's Sermons for the Service of the Church, (Kirchenpostill,) vol. i. p. 92.

Wittenberg, A. D. 1552.

#### THAT IT IS NOT LAWFUL TO SEPERATE FROM THE CHURCH OF GOD.

If there be abuses in Rome, neither those abuses, nor anything else, can be a legitimate reason for separating from *Her*, and thus creating a schism.

We should all desire *unity*, and never oppose ourselves to the decrees of the Pope. We must always, and, in every thing obey the Church of Rome.

#### LUTHER'S SOLEMN DECLARATION AND PROTESTATION.

As this is a theological dispute, I wish for the purpose of satisfying certain persons, who perhaps have been scandalized by reading what I have written upon the subject of *indulgences*, to renew the protestation which it is customary to make in the universities. I therefore declare and protest that I will not say nor contend for any thing which is not founded on the Scriptures, and Holy Fathers recognised by the Roman Church; on the rights and decretals of the Pope, I say nothing at all, which can ever come against them. . . .