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refuted, but the argument of a consistent and holy life, no one has been able to gainsay. The Church can add name after name to the list of honored and faithful servants, as given in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews; names of those who had the mind of Christ and walked in His footsteps. Every honest confession added to the whole-hearted confession of Peter—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"—is so much additional strength to the Church, for has not Christ said, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock (your confession) will I build my Church"? The outcome of such confessions has been devotion to Christ and holiness of life; thus the united testimony of Christians by honest confession and holy living has been and is still one of the Church's strongest and surest means of defence.

No less important a bulwark are the "great and precious promises which are yea and amen in Christ Jesus." What God has promised of blessing and prosperity to His Church He will fulfil.