

if they had believed aright, they would never have pretended to "reform" her doctrine. We are convinced that they are schismatics, by separating themselves from the communion of the church of Christ; and heretics, by dissenting from her doctrine in many substantial articles, and consequently that they have no part in the church of Christ; no lawful mission, no succession from the apostles, no authority at all to preach the word of God, or administer the sacraments; in fine, no share in the promise of Christ's heavenly kingdom, excepting the case of invincible ignorance, from which the scripture, in so many places, excludes heretics and schismatics.

11. Because the Protestant religion, though we were to suppose the professors of it to be excused by invincible ignorance from the guilt of heresy and schism, lays them nevertheless under the most dreadful disadvantages, which needs highly endanger their everlasting salvation; the more, because it is at least highly probable they have no true orders amongst them. Hence they have no true sacrament of the body and blood of the Lord: they have no part in the great eucharistical sacrifice, no communion of the Holy Ghost, by the bishop's imposition of hands in confirmation; no power of the keys of the kingdom of heaven, given to the church, Matt. 16. v. 19., and John, 20. v. 22, 23. for absolving sinners, &c. Add to this, that their religion robs them of the communion of saints in heaven, by teaching them not to seek their prayers or intercession; it encourages them by the doctrine of justification by *faith alone*, Art. 11, to be no way solicitous for redeeming their past sins by good works and penitential austerities: it robs them when they are sick, of that great blessing, both corporal and spiritual, promised, St. James, 5., to the anointing of the sick: and when they are dead, no prayers must be said for fear of superstition. In fine, the scriptures which he put in their hands, are corrupted; the good works, their church prescribes or advises, such as fasting, keeping holidays, confession, &c. are entirely neglected, and both ministers and people run out into a wide easy way of living,