

any particular church, and you will see that the question to be of any force, ought not to be, at what period did that particular church receive its existence, but according to what rules was it originally founded, and by what laws is it still governed. Where was the Protestant Church before the days of Luther? Does the question mean, where before the time of this celebrated man, were persons to be found believing the essential principles of Protestantism? If the question be possessed of any force, this is its meaning; and if this be its meaning we reply, they were to be found in the members of the churches planted by the apostles. In the word of God are protestant principles recorded, and from this source will all true protestants derive their ecclesiastical regulations. The truth of the matter is, a man is not saved as he is a member of either a Protestant, or Roman Catholic society; but as he is a member of the ONE, HOLY, AND UNIVERSAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, OUT OF WHICH THERE IS NO SALVATION. He who lives in sin, whether he be Protestant or Roman Catholic, is no child of God, no heir of heaven.