

to mark the pale of the Jewish Church, much more clearly would the bright borders of Christ's Kingdom be defined, by the shining of the Sun of Righteousness. It would, indeed, be most extraordinary, if the Church of Christ should be *invisible*, "when the darkness was past" and the "*True Light*" was now shining in all its uneclipsed splendor.* If there were certain infallible marks, by which the *Legal* Church was to be identified, it would be more than marvellous if there were not marks equally infallible, by which erring men might unerringly distinguish the *Gospel* Church, from every form of human society.

Christ appointed and sent forth twelve men, whom He denominated His Apostles, — as the Chief Ministers in His Church; investing them with authority to preach His Gospel, administer the Sacraments, and exercise discipline, in His Kingdom. He, moreover authorized them to send others, in His name, with like powers. He also sent forth the "*Seventy*," to preach His Word.† Here,

* One "*field*," Matt. xiii, 24-30; One "*net*," 47, 48.

† Luke x. 1.