

to commingle, more or less, in the affairs of this life. But although they may thus have some things common,—they have no affinity. They are essentially distinct kingdoms; and every attempt to affianc<sup>d</sup> them is daring presumption.

*There is no affinity between the Head of the Church and the Head of the World.* The Church is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. He purchased it with his blood; consequently it is his own peculiar property. Before the worlds were made, the Eternal Father did choose and appoint Him to be enthroned on his “holy hill of Zion;” and as the recompense of his humiliation and sufferings, the Father hath exalted him to the throne of his kingdom—“set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the Church which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.” He therefore reigns King of his Church, and from the fulness of his grace he is ever dispensing royal gifts to his people. He is also the king of kings, supreme in the government of the world, and, therefore, directs and overrules all the events of time to the advancement of his glory in the Church. There is nothing exempted from his authority, for the Father “hath put all things under him.” “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

But although he is as truly king of the World as of the kingdom which the Father hath given him, yet he, in holy sovereignty, permits Satan to usurp more or less dominion over the world. The world is therefore the visible kingdom of Satan; and he is declared to be its god and prince, and “the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.” This greatest of all the enemies of God, and the arch-deceiver of men has also by the agency of men, frequently attempted to usurp dominion over the Church, and dethrone him to whom only the right of dominion belongs. In many of the old countries, the reigning Monarchs claim, as their divine right, the Headship of the Church in their own particular dominions; and the Roman Pontiff in the assumed character of Christ’s Vicar, or substitute, claims supremacy over all the churches; but assuredly Christ never gave them a right to this Headship over the Church which they presumptuously claim, nor will he ever permit any created being to share with himself the throne of his kingdom and his glory. The professedly christian kings of the earth, and the Roman Pontiffs have, to say the least of it, more frequently ruled over their kingdoms and their churches, as the viceregents of the prince of darkness, than as the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. The Queen of England may, and does, claim to be the Head of that sect of religionists which is, in the statute book of Britain, called the Church of England, and that sect may and does glory in having such a virtuous Head; but no such Head of the Church of Christ is recognized in the statute book of Heaven—the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament; consequently this sect cannot be the Church which is “built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.” The priests of this sect may, from their mitred chief to the lowest of his subalterns, iterate that they are the true successors of the Apostles, to the end of time; but assuredly they cannot produce from Scripture the slightest evidence to prove that they are *even a part* of the visible church which was founded by Christ and his Apostles. There may be, and we believe there are many members