

name of Jesus." And Christ himself tells us, Mark 16. v. 16. "He that believeth not, shall be condemned." So that it is manifest from the holy Scripture, that true faith is necessary to salvation. Now true faith, in order to please God and save our souls, must be entire, that is to say, we must believe without exception, all such articles as are revealed by God, and proposed to his church to be believed; and he who voluntarily and obstinately disbelieveth any one of these articles is no less void of true saving faith, than he who disbelieves them all. As St. James tells us with regard to practical duties, chap. 2. v. 10 "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, but offend in one point, is become guilty of all." Hence St. Paul, Gal. 5. v. 20. reckons heresies, (that is false religions), amongst those works of the flesh, of which he pronounces, "that they who do such things shall not obtain the kingdom of God."—And God himself, Isaias, 60. v. 12. tells his church, "The nation and kingdom that will not serve thee, shall perish."

Q. Can any one be out of the way of salvation without the guilt of mortal sin?

A. No; only all such, as through obstinacy, negligence, or indifference in matters of religion, will not hear the true church and her pastors, are guilty of mortal sin against faith. Matt. 18. v. 17. "If he neglect to hear the church, let him be to thee as a heathen and publican." Luke, 10. v. 16. "He that heareth you, (the pastors of the church), heareth me: and he that despiseth you, despiseth me: and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me."

Q. But what do you think of those whose con-