

ural branches were broken off," and the branches of "the wild olive tree were grafted in."*

The Jewish Church had the *Scriptures*, — the *Priesthood* and the *Ordinances*. By these it was every where and by all known as "the Church of the living God."

In Christ the Levitical Priesthood found its complement. In Him that Priesthood ended, and with it, the sacrificial services of the Temple.

From Christ, the Great High Priest, went forth the Gospel, and from Him went forth the commission to men to preach it, and to administer its ordinances. There was no break in the great chain of grace. The covenant continued as in the beginning. The old Church was not pulled down that a new one might be built up. The Kingdom of Christ was to be known, as the Mosaic Church was known : by the *Word*, — the *Ministry* and the *Ordinances*. Wherever these were, there was "the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the Truth." If the dark line of the "Law" was sufficiently distinct,

* Rom. xi. 17-24.