

proof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Again, we are told "that the people of Berea searched the Scriptures *daily* to see whether what the Apostles told them were so or not." All these passages do not lead us to suppose that the people had not the Scriptures to study and to search, or that they were to leave them entirely into the Priest's hands. As everybody is at liberty to buy the laws of the country in which he lives, and to study them, yet without having, on that account, the right to break those laws or to rule that country, so every Christian is at liberty, and it is his duty to have the Word and will of God in his possession, and to study it carefully and with a humble and obedient mind, yet he is not, for all that, allowed to break the rules of that blessed book, or to take upon him any authority which belongs alone to God's ministers. We give the Bible because we are not afraid to have it as a witness against us.

But there are many errors among Protestants, Roman Catholics will say. It is true, we reply; but the Roman church herself is also fallen into so many new and strange doctrines that nobody will trust his soul into it who properly understands the Holy Scriptures. We do not mean to say that every one of her members is lost. God forbid. God, for Christ's sake, will forgive those who do His will as far as they know. But we mean to say that she holds so many erroneous doctrines, which she says must be believed as necessary to salvation, that her members are in the greatest danger possible of making total shipwreck concerning the faith; nay, but we believe that she, as a body, has actually greatly erred—that she has very little indeed of what can be truly called Catholic and Apostolic truth in her creeds and ceremonies, of which I proceed to give some powerful proofs.

The first great and fundamental error which is to be found in the Roman Creed is on the doctrine of Justification. They do not believe that faith in Christ alone justifies the sinner. This error proceeds from the want of a proper knowledge of the Scriptures; for if the Bible were

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