

Again our Divine Saviour says, "I will send to you another comforter, the Spirit of Truth, even the Holy Ghost, who shall teach you all truth, and shall abide with you forever." Christ says that "the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, shall teach the Church all truth, and abide with her forever." To have all truth is to have no error, and if there should be any error, then at once all truth would cease to be there. Therefore, there never has been, and there never can be, one single error in the Church of the living God. Moreover, Christ commands us to believe the teachings of the Church without any reservation, and without any limitation. "Hear the Church," says He. It is an absolute command. From that very fact that Christ commands us to "Hear the Church," and to believe what the Church teaches, it follows that Christ guarantees that the Church shall never teach error or falsehood. The Saviour tells us, moreover, that we must hear the truth in the same way as though He Himself was speaking to us. "He that heareth you," He says to the Church, "heareth Me," that is, "He that believeth you, believeth Me, and he that despises you, despises Me;" so, then, if I believe what the Church teaches, I believe what God teaches, and if I refuse to believe what the Church teaches, then I refuse to believe what God Himself teaches. Therefore St. Paul, in his epistle, says: "The Church is the ground of the pillar," and the Church therefore, can never fail. As it is, then, a fact of history that the Catholic Church is the Church established by Jesus, so it is in like manner an historical fact that all of the other churches are the institutions of men. It is an historical fact that all present churches are the inventions of man. Where was Protestantism four hundred years ago? It was not in the world;