

mand of Him who instituted it as the form of admission into his Church,) it will follow that here does exist an outward and visible sign of the establishment of a Church—and if we pursue our enquiries, and see to whom the commission was given, and by whom transmitted, it will equally appear that this one Baptism is not left to be administered by every one who chooses to assume the right of doing so.

There is one God and Father of all. This consideration of the first article of the Christian's creed—the belief in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth—should serve as a bond to unite us in Christian unity—*He is above all.* We then who are the creatures of his hand should shew him all possible reverence and adoration—and can we render him a more acceptable service than by obeying the commands of his Son, and by following the rules which he hath laid down for us in his holy Church.—*He is through all*—He pervades all nature—He considers all our actions—He penetrates all our thoughts—and the knowledge of this should teach us obedience to his commands.—*He is in all.* He is ever present with the members of his Church—His promise from of old still remaining sure and stedfast—that He will never desert or forsake his people.

There is one Spirit. This is another consideration for the unity of the Church. Christ when he left her promised to be with her even to the end of the world; and after his ascent into Heaven the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Apostles, and enabled them to perform miracles for the furtherance of their commission. But when God saw that the Church was so firmly established that the gates of hell could not prevail against it, he thought fit to withdraw this miraculous power. But though *this* mark is done away, God's Holy Spirit has never forsaken her from that time to the present moment—nor shall she ever want the aid and comfort of the promised blessing while she continues firm and established in the true faith of Christ and his Apostles.

There is one hope of our calling. As we all hope for eternal life in the world to come, and to be united to the Church of the first-born in Heaven, so should we endeavour, while in this preparatory state, to live in the unity of the spirit. As the hope is one, and common to all, so also is the Church one which furnishes this hope.

To sum up then the different points which constitute the unity of the Church, we find she is one body, having one head, who is over her, even Christ the Lord—that she is established in one faith—that she is washed by one Baptism—that she is supported by one God—that she is sanctified by one spirit—that she is animated by one hope.

C***

(To be continued.)