

Hell. Matt. xvi. 18. xxviii. 20; that Church is the house of the living God, 1 Tim. iii. 15; the Kingdom of Christ Luke i. 33. Dan. ii. 44: The sheepfold of Christ, John x. 19; the body of which Christ is the head, Colos. i. 19. Ephes. v. 23: The Spouse of Christ, Ephes. v. 21—31; That Church is always subject and faithful to Christ, Eph. v. 24 always without spot wrinkle, or blemish: always holy, Eph. v. 27; always loved and cherished by him, Eph. v. 25, 29 29; joined to him by an indissoluble union, Ephes. v. 31. 33; That Church is the pillar and ground of the truth, 1 Tim. iii. 15, always one, Cantic. vi. 9, 10. Joan. x. 16. Eph. iv. 4 5, always visible Isa. ii. 2, 2. Mich. iv. 1, 2, Matt. v. 14; always and infallibly teaching the truth, Matt. xvi. 18. xxviii. 19, 20. Joan. xiv. 16, 17, 26 xv. 13. 1 Tim. iii. 14, 15, &c. &c.

That Church of course can never stand in need of reformation. The very attempt of man to reform this the most perfect, the most noble of all the works of God, is a most daring, most sacrilegious most blasphemous act of impiety, of which no precedent can be found, except in the attempt made by Satan to equal himself to the Most High, for which he was precipitated into the eternal abyss. This holy Catholic Church is spread over the universe, which makes it Catholic, teaching every where the same doctrine, because she is wholly inspired and directed by the holy spirit of truth, John xiv. 19, 17, 29 and always guided by Christ. Matt. xxviii. 20. The ministers of that Church form but one body, of which St. Peter and his successors were by divine authority constituted heads. Mat. xvi. 13. 19. Luke xxii. 32. Joan. xxi. 15, 19, 77.

"The communion of Saints." In the Church of God there is a communion of its members in Holy things being partakers of the same spiritual blessings, sacraments, &c. which Christ empowered his Church to administer. We likewise communicate with the blessed saints in Heaven. They are handed already on the shores of eternal peace. We are yet tossed by the raging billows of a tempestuous sea. We stretch our hands to them for help: we beg their intercession to obtain a safe landing. We meditate on their virtues: we are encouraged by their examples; we confide much in their charitable intercession. Revel. v. 8. Zach. i. 12. 7 Machab. xv. 12—14. Tob. xii. 12 Heb. i. 11. Rev. ii. 26, 27. Luc. xv. 10 Matt. xviii. 10, &c. Whilst we look up to the saints in Heaven for their help and assistance, we offer up our prayers and intercession for those of our fellow members, who having died before they had fully satisfied the justice of God, have yet to suffer for a time, before they can be admitted into that sanctuary, were nothing defiled can enter. 1 Cor. iii. 15. 1 Pet. iii. 18—20.

The forgiveness of sins. This forgiveness of sins originating in the infinite power and mercy of God alone and granted solely in consideration of the merits of Christ, is administered to us by the ministers of Christ in the holy Catholic Church, first in the sacrament of baptism, and then again in the sacrament of penance, upon our sincere repentance and conversion, and upon our sincere confession.

Matt. xviii. 18. John xx. 22, & 23. Acts xviii. 18. James v. 16, &c.

The resurrection of the body, and life everlasting "Amen." A glorious resurrection of soul and body by which we are to become members of the Church triumphant of Jesus Christ, will be granted to those only, who have been true members of the only one and true Church militant of Christ on earth. And those who had not the holy Catholic Church, the spouse of Christ, for their mother, will find to their everlasting sorrow, that they have not Jesus Christ for their father and saviour.

Permit me now dear Sir, to address you in the spirit of charity, and to entreat you to meditate seriously on the following solemn truths:—

The day is fast approaching, when both you and I will be summoned before the dreadful tribunal of Jesus Christ; I, in the capacity of a Roman Catholic Priest, you in the capacity of a Protestant Minister both claiming the title of Minister of Christ. What will become of that one who shall not be able then to substantiate his claim, and to establish his title. We may be suffered by a God of infinite mercy and patience to establish the most unfounded, the most extravagant titles before men; but will the illusion be suffered to continue before the tribunal of eternal justice? And will not the bright rays of pure and undefiled truth, for ever dissipate those foul and thick mists of corruption, which in this world enable us to dupe ourselves and others? Will not the two edged sword of truth cut off all those difficulties which our corruption had raised, as a bulwark against the authenticated revelations of Jesus Christ? Will not the bright & dazzling rays of glory that shall emanate from the throne of the omnipotent Judge, be the most incontestible proof of the divinity of his revelation, and of the truth of those mysteries against which proud and corrupted reason suggested so many difficulties?

When the sacred code shall be opened by which all Christians are to be tried, will it be permitted there think you, to allege the foolish dictates of human philosophy, in opposition to the plain revelations of that sacred code? Will it be permitted there to talk about reforming the most noble work of the great God? Will it be permitted there (by way of apology to tell Jesus Christ, that he broke his repeated promises; that he had promised to be with his Church to the end of time and yet he had forsaken that Church and permitted it to go astray? that he had promised the spirit of truth to it, to guide it into all truth, for ever and yet he had withdrawn that spirit of truth, and permitted the Church to become a sink of errors, & idolatry? Will it be permitted there to call the plain ordinances of Jesus Christ, Papist Superstitions? Will it be permitted there, (by way of apology for not complying with his ordinances,) to tell Jesus Christ, that such and such things were impossible; that no man could forgive sin, not even those who most plainly and distinctly had received that power from him? Will you be permitted there, think you, to tell Jesus Christ to his face, that it was impossible for him to give his flesh and blood under the appearance of bread and wine? Will you there be permitted to allege the testimony of your

corrupted senses and limited reason, in opposition to the plain and repeated assertions of infinite wisdom?

Will it be permitted there, think you in the face of the cross, that sign of the Son of Man, to ridicule those who signed themselves with that holy sign?

In short, sir, will it be permitted there to deceive yourself and others any longer? Corrupted reason sat upon the tribunal in this world, and with more than satanic presumption, summoned betor it the tremendous mysteries clearly & distinctly revealed by an omnipotent God to be judged, to be approved or condemned, according to its own whimsical notions, and more so according to its corrupt inclinations. The case will then be reversed: infinite power and wisdom will re-ascend the judgment-seat: proud reason, with all its boasted philosophy, will stand confused, appalled, convicted, and be for ever silenced.

Will it be permitted to say, by way of apology, I rejected such and such mysteries, because I could not understand them or because they appeared to me impossible? But you were not required to understand them, you were only commanded to listen and adore and this you could have done as easily as so many millions of persons as wise as yourself. Ah! sir, believe me, believe a person who is sincerely concerned for the salvation of your soul, the very garb which at present is considered by you as a mark of distinction and honour, will before the dreadful tribunal on the day of God's eternal vengeance, be the terror and despair of your soul, and its everlasting condemnation; I mean the garb of Protestantism. You protested! against what? against the Church of Christ against divine ordinances? against divine and tremendous mysteries? against all that is sacred! This was not enough. Under the title of minister of Christ, you taught thousands to do the same to ridicule and blaspheme what they did not understand, and by misrepresenting the holy mysteries of the Catholic Church, you prevented their return to the only sheep-fold of Christ, from which the pride and corruption of some arch-heretics of former times caused their ancestors to depart. Thousands and thousands of these unfortunate lay-people will have a lawful excuse to allege before the tribunal of impartial justice to wit the misrepresentations of their teachers. Many of them will find their acquittal in the plea of invincible ignorance. Will this plea be of any avail to those; who with seeing eyes would not see? To those, who without mission from above, without deputation from the Catholic Church of Christ, presumed to step into the sanctuary, and to arrogate to themselves that sacred title which the Catholic Church alone can give, she being exclusively the depository of the power of Jesus Christ on earth.

For God's sake, dear sir, If you value the glory of God the salvation of your soul, give up protesting against the Catholic Church: in it alone you will find salvation. As sure as God lives it is the true Church of Christ. May the day of judgment