

recesses of an infallible Church; "for the word is nigh thee even in thy mouth and in thy heart, that is the word of faith which we preach, that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."\* Be thankful that you belong to a communion in which the Scriptures of God are the rule of faith, and where the unwritten traditions of men are rejected as of no authority in matters concerning the soul. Be thankful that you belong to a communion which values reason as a precious gift of God, not to be exalted against revelation, but employed, in dependence upon heavenly guidance, in finding out what is revelation and what the meaning of it is. Be thankful that you belong to a Church which does not interpose between you and Christ, or delude you with the idea that, by submitting to her, your own responsibility ends. Be thankful that you belong to a Church where Christ is honored as the head of it, as the one Mediator between God and man, in a word, the only Saviour; a Church in which images are not worshipped, nor Saints adored, nor the Virgin idolized, nor relics confided in. Be thankful that you belong to a Church which teaches you, that, if true believers, "the blood of Christ cleanseth you from all sin," that, with this holy assurance, you may encounter death with the blessed prospect of immediate happiness, without passing through purgatorial flames, without relying upon the suffrages of poor sinners on earth or the intercession of the Virgin in heaven, to emancipate you from your misery. With these inestimable privileges in your possession, but one anxiety should occupy your minds, viz., to "walk worthy of them." Church privileges cannot save you, unless you live as Churchmen ought to live, a life of faith in the Son of God:" unless you are brought to know Christ, to love Christ, to confide in Christ, to obey Christ, and to honor Christ, living above the world, and having your conversation in Heaven. But all these things you may do, and do with peculiar advantage,

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\* Romans x. 8, 9.