than that which raised up Christ from

3. Elect Ifnants dying in Infancy,

3. Elect Ifnants dving in Infancy, are (k) regenerated and faved by Christ through the Spirit; who worketh when, and where, and (l how he pleaseth: So also are all other Elect Persons, who are uncapable of being outwardly called by the Ministry of the Word.

4. Others not elected, although they may be called by the Ministry of the Word, (m) and may have some common operations of the Spirit, yet not being effectually drawn by the Father, they neither will, nor can truly (n) they neither will, nor can truly (n) be faved; much less can Men that retelected he faved; much less can Men that retelected he they never so diligent to frame onver their Lives according to the Light of Nature, and the Law of that Religion they do profess. they do profess.

<sup>(</sup>b) 1 (k) John 3, 3, 5, 6. (l) John 3, 8. (m) Matt. 22. (e) 2, 4, Ch. 13, 120, 21. Heb. 6, 4, 5 (n) John 6, 44, 45, 65. (h) John 2, 24, 25. (e) Acts 4, 12. John 4, 22. Ch. 17. 3. E C H A P. tha

## CHAP. XI.

# Of Justification.

Hose whom God effectually calleth, he also freely (a) 111 Miffeth, not by infusing righteousness into them, but by (b) pardoning their Sins, and by accounting, and accepting their Persons as (c) righteous; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's fake alone, not by imputing Faith itself the act of believing, or any other (d) evangelical O bedience to them, as their righteoulness; but by imputing Christ's active Obedience unto the whole Law, and passive Obedience in his Death; for their whole and fole righteousness, they (e) receiving, and refting on him, and in t

(a) Rom. 3. 24. Ch. 8. 30. (b) Rom. 4. 5, 6, 7, 8 Ephel. 1. 7. (c) 1 Cor. 1. 30, 31. Rom. 5. 17, 18, 19 (d) Phil. 3. 8, 9. Eph. 2. 8, 9, 10. (e) John 1. 12. Rom. 1115 5. 17.

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his righteousness by Faith; which they have not of themselves, it is the Gift of God.

2. Faith thus receiving and resting on Christ, and his Righteousness, is the (f) alone Instrument of Justification: Rectual Yet it is not alone in the Person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other faving Graces, and is no dead

Faith, (g) but worketh by Love.

Christ, by his Obedience, and occuping the Death, did fully discharge the debt of all those that are justified; and did by the facrifice of himself, in the Blood of his Cross, undergoing in their stead, the penalty due unto them, make a proper, general, and full satisfaction (b) to God's Justifice in their behalf; yet inasmuch as he was given by the Ferhalf contact the same and the factor for the same and the sam was given by the Father for them, and this Obedience and Satisfaction accepted in their stead, and both (i) freely, not for any thing in them, their Justifica-

<sup>(</sup>f) Rom. 3. 28. (g) Gal. 5. 6. James 2. 17, 22, 26. (b) Heb. 10. 14. 1 Pet. 1. 18, 19. Ifai. 53. 5, 6. (i)

tion is only of Free Grace, that both the exact Justice and rich Grace of God might be (k) glorified in the Justification of Sinners.

4. God did from all Eternity decree to (1) justifie all the Elect, and Christ did in the fulness of time die for their Sins, and rise (m) again for their Justification; nevertheless they are not justified personally, until the Holy Spirit doth in due time (n) actually apply Christ unto them.

5. God doth continue to (o) forgive the Sins of those that are justified, and although they can never fall from the state of (p) Justification, yet they may by their Sins fall under God's (q) fatherly displeasure; and in that condition, they have not usually the light of his Countenance restored unto them, until

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<sup>(</sup>k) Rom. 3 26. Ephef. 1. 6, 7. Chap. 2. 7. (t) Gal. 3. 8. 1 Pet. 1. 2. 1 Tim. 2. 6. (m) Rem. 4. 25. (n) Gol. 1. 21, 22. Tit. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. (e) Matt. 6. (12. 1 John 1. 7, 9. (p) John 10. 28. (q) Pialm 89. 31, 32, 33.

they (r) humble themselves, confess their Sins, beg Pardon, and renew

their Faith and Repentance.

6. The justification of Believers under the Old Testament, was in all these Respects, (s) one and the same with the justification of Believers under the New Testament.

#### CHAP. XII.

Of Adoption.

LL those that are justified, God vouchsafed in, and for the sake of his only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the Grace (a) of Adoption; by which they are taken into the Number, and enjoy the Liberties, and (b) Priviledges of Children of God; have his (c) Name put upon them, (d) re-

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<sup>(</sup>r) Pfalm 32. 5. & 51. Wiatt. 26. 75. (s) Gal. 3. 9. Rom. 4. 22, 23, 24. (a) Ephel. 1. 5. Gal. 4. 4, 5. (b) John 1. 12. Rom. 8. 17. (6) 2 Cor. 6. 18. Rev. 3. 12. (d) Rom. 8. 15.

ceive the Spirit of Adoption, (e) have eally a vertue, access to the Throne of Grace with wellin boldness; are enabled to cry, Abba, Fathe wh ther; are (f) pitied, (g) protected, (i) and the provided for, and (k) chaffned by him, and mo as by a Father; yet never (1) cast off, they n but sealed (m) to the Day of Redemp Arengt tion, and inherit the Promifes, (n) as Heirs of Everlasting Salvation.

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Of Sanctification.

HEY who are united to Christ, effectually called, and regenerated, having a new Heart and a new Spirit created in them, through the vertue of Christ's Death and Refurre. ction; are also (a) farther sanctified,

<sup>(</sup>e) Gal 4. 6. Ephof. 2. 18. (f) Plalm 103. 13. (g) Prov 14 26. (i) 1 Pet. 5 7. (k) Heu 12. 6. (1) Ili. 54.8, 9 Lam 3 31 (m) Eph. 4.30 (n) Heb. 1 14. Chap. 6. 12. (a) Acts 20. 32. Rom. 6. 5, 6. really,

really and personally, through the same have vertue, (b) by his Word and Spirit with dwelling in them; (c) the dominion of the whole body of Sin is deftroyed, (d) and the several Lusts thereof, are more him and more weakned, and mortified; and for they more and more quickned, and (e) frengthned in all faving Graces, to the (n) 25 (f) practice of all true Holiness, with-Out which no Man shall fee the Lord.

2. This Sanctification is (g) throughout in the whole Man, yet imperfect (b) in this Life; there abideth still fome remnants of Corruption in every part, whence arifeth a (i) continual, and irreconcilable War; the Flesh lust-Christing against the Spirit, and the Spirit agener gainst the Spainst the Spainst the Flesh.

3. In which War, although the reh the maining Corruption for a time may furt much k) prevail, yet, through the con-

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<sup>(&</sup>quot;) john 17. 17. Eph. 3. 16, 17, 18, 19. 1 thell. 5. 13. (a) John 17. 17. Eph. 3. 16, 17, 18, 19. 1 i helf. 5.

21, 22 23. (c) Rom. 6. 14. (d) Gal. 5. 24. (e) Col. 1.

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14. (b) Rom. 7. 18, 23. (e) Gal. 5. 17. 1 Pet. 2. 11. (f)

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tinual supply of strength, from the fan-Etitying Spirit of Christ, (1) regenerated Ba part dorh overcome; and fo the Saints an grow in Grace, perfecting Holimels in is i the fear of God, (m) pressing after an 2. Heavenly Life, in Evangelical Obedied to ence to all the Commands which Carry as Head and King, in his Word hath celler ence to all the Commands which Christin th prescribed to them. It to solf sid tings

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Of Saving Faith.

1. HE Grace of Faith, whereby believe to (e The Elect are enabled to be on lieve to the faving of their Souls, is the there work of the Spirit of Christ (a) in their to Hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the the Ministry of the (b) Word; by (b) which also, and by the administration that

<sup>(</sup>I) Rom. 6. 14. (m) Feh. 4. 15, 16. ·2 Cor. 3. 18 (1) Rom. 6. 14. (11) Fin. 4. 15, 16. 2 Col. 10 (c) Ch. p. 7. 1. (a) 2 Cor. 4. 13. Eph. 2. 8. (b) Rom. 10 14. (c) 14, 17.

the of Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, Praygeneraer and other Means appointed of God, of Sillit is increased, (6) and strengthned.

2. By this Faith, a Christian believafter ed to be true, \* whatfoever is revealed Obelin the Word, for the Authority of God himself; and also apprehendeth an Ex-placellency therein, (a) above all other Wri-tings; and all things in the World: As it bears forth the Glory of God in his Attributes, the Excellency of Christ in his Nature and Offices, and the Power and Fulness of the Holy Spirit in his Workings and Operations; and so is enabled where believed; and also a teth differently upto bon that which each particular Passage
is thereof containeth; yielding Obedience
in the to the (f) Commands, trembling at
the (g) threatnings, and embracing the
b(b) Promises of God, for this Life, and
that which is to come: But the princito (e) cast his Soul upon the truth thus

Rom 1. 12. (f) John 15. 14. (g) Isai. 66. 2. (b) Heb. 11. 13.

pal Acts of Saving Faith, hath immediate relation to Christ, accepting, receiving and resting upon (i) him alone, for Justification, Sanctification, and Eternal Life, by vertue of the Covenant of Grace.

3. This Faith, although it be different in degrees, and may be weak, (k) fome or firong, yet it is in the least degree of and it, different in the kind, or nature of it pleaf (as is all other Saving Grace) from the give Faith (1) and common Grace of temporary believers; and therefore though it 2008 may be many times affailed, and weakof 1 ned, yet it gets (m) the Victory, growdece ing up in many, to the attainment of a ing full (n) affurance through Christ, who 18 tem both the Author (0) and Finisher of Pro our Faith.

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liev (i) John 1. 12. Acts 16: 31. Gal 2.20. Acts 15. 11. new (k) Heb. 5.13, 14. Matt. 6. 30. Rom. 4.19, 20. (1) tion 2 Pet. I. I. (m) Eph. 6. 16. 1 John 5. 4, 5. (n) Heb. 6. 11, 12. Col. 2. 2. (0) Heb. 12. 2.

## CHAP. XV.

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Of Repentance unto Life and Salvation.

of Pleasures, God in their Effectual Calling giveth them Repentance unto Life.

2. Whereas there is none that doth

2. Whereas there is none that doth good, and finneth (b) not, and the best of Men may, through the power and deceitfulness of their Corruption dwelling in them, with the prevalency of temptation, fall into greater Sins, and Provocations, God hath in the Covenant of Grace, mercifully provided that Believers so sinning, and falling, (c) be renewed through Repentance unto Salvation.

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(a) Tit. 3. 2, 3, 4, 5. (b) Eccl. 7. 20. (c) Luke

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Evangelical Grace, whereby a Person, being by the Holy Spirit made sensible of the manifold Evils of his Sin, doth, by Faith in Christ, humble himself for it, with Godly Sorrow, detestation of it, and self-abhorrency; (e) praying for pardon, and strength of Grace, with a purpose and endeavour by supplies of the Spirit, to (f) walk before God unto all well pleasing in all things.

4. As Repentance is to be continued through the whole course of our Lives, upon the account of the body of Death, and the Motions thereof; so it is every Man's Duty to repent of his (g) parts

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5. Such is the provision which God hath made through Christ in the Covenant of Grace, for the preservation of Believers unto Salvation, that although there is no Sin so small, but it deserves

<sup>(</sup>d) Zech 12. 10. Acts 11. 18. (e) Ezek. 36. 31. 2 Cor. 7. 11. (f) Pfalm 119. 6. Pfalm 119. 128. (g) Luke 19. 8. 1 Tim. 13, 15. (h) dame

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(b) damnation; yet there is no Sin fo great, that it shall bring Damnation on them that (i) repent; which makes the in, don constant preaching of Repentance neceffary.

### CHAP. XVI.

## Of Good Works.

Ood Works are only fuch as God hath (a) commanded in his Holy Word, and not fuch as without the warrant thereof, are devised by Men, out of blind Zeal, (b) or upon any pretence of good Intentions.

ch Go 2. These good Works, done in Obe-Cord dience to God's Commandments, are nofBe the Fruits and Evidences (c) of a true and lively Faith; and by them Believers manifest their (d) Thankfulness, Ichoug efervi

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<sup>(</sup>b) Rom. 6. 23. (i) Ifa. 1. 16. 1. Ifa. 55. 7. (a) Mic. 6. 8. Heb. 13. 21. (b) Matt. 15, 9. Ifa. 19. 13. (c) Jam.

<sup>2. 18, 22. (</sup>d) Pfalm 116. 12, 13.

ftrengthen their (e) Assurance, edifie their (f) Brethren, adorn the Profession of the Gospel, stop the Mouths of the Adversaries, and glorifie (g) God, whose Workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus (h) thereunto, that having their Fruit unto Holiness, they may have the end (i) Eternal Life.

3. Their ability to do good Works, is not at all of themselves, but wholly from the Spirit (k) of Christ; and that they may be enabled thereunto, besides the Graces they have already received, there is necessary an (1) actual influence of the same Holy Spirit, to work in them to will, and to do of his good Pleasure; yet are they not hereupon to grow Negligent, as if they were not bound to perform any Duty, unless upon a special Motion of the Spirit, but they ought to be diligent in (m) ftirring them

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<sup>(</sup>e) 1 John 2. 3, 5. 2 Pet. 1. 5—11. (f) Matt. 5. 16. (g) 1 Tim. 6. 1. 1 Pet. 2. 15. Phil. 1. 11. (b) Eph. 2. 10. (i) Rom. 6. 22. (k) John 15.4, 5. (1) 2 Cor. 3 3. Phil. 2. 13. (m) Phil. 2. 12. Heb. 6. 11. 1. Ifa. 64.7: ring

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.4. They who in their Obedience attain to the greatest height which is posfible in this Life, are so far from being able to fupererrogate, and to do more than God requires, as that (n) they fall thort of much which in Duty they are bound to do. Works

5. We cannot by our best Works merit pardon of Sin, or Eternal Life at the Hand of God, by reason of the great disproportion that is between them and the glory to come, and the infinite diinfluence stance that is between us and God, work in whom by them we can neither profit, is good nor farisfie, for the debt of our (0) former Sins; but when we have done all iere noi We can, we have done but our Duty, less up and are unprofitable Servants; and berit, Air cause as they are good, they proceed from his (p) Spirit, and as they are wrought

<sup>(</sup>n) Job 9. 2, 3. Gal. 5. 17. Luke 17. 10. (o) Rom. 3. 20. Eph. 2.8, 9. Rom. 4.6. (p) Gal. 5. 22, 23.

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by us, they are defiled, (9) and mixed with fo much Weakness and Imperfection, that they cannot endure the se-verity of God's Judgment.

6. Yet notwithstanding the Persons of Believers being accepted through Christ, their good Works also are accepted in (r) him; not as though they were in this Life wholly unblameable and unreprovable in God's fight; but that he looking upon them in his Son, is pleased to accept and reward that which is (s) fincere, although accompanied with many Weaknesses and Imperfections.

7. Works done by unregenerate Men, although for the matter of them, they may be things which God commands, and of good Use, both to themselves and (t) others; yet because they proceed not from a Heart purified by (u) Paith, nor are done in a right manner

I Pet. (9) Ifa. 64. 6. Pfalm 143. 2. (r) Eph. 1. 6. 2.5 (5) Matt. 25. 21. 23. Heb. 6. 10. (t) 2 Kings 10. 30. 1 Kings 21. 27, 29. (11) Gen. 4. 9. Heb. 11. 4, 6. accord-

according to the (w) Word, nor to a right end the (x) Glory of God, they are finful, and cannot please God, nor make a Man meet to receive Grace from (y) God; and yet their neglect of them. per is more finful, and (z) displeasing to throug God.

#### CHAP. XVII.

Of Perseverance of the Saints.

Hofe whom God hath accepted in the Beloved, effectually called and fanctified by his Spirit, and gite Men ven the precious Faith of his Elect unto, can neither totally nor finally fall from the state of Grace, (a) but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally faved, feeing the Gifts.

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and Callings of God are without Repentance, (whence he still begets and nourisheth in them Faith, Repentance, Love, Joy, Hope, and all the Graces of the Spirit unto Immortality) and though many Storms and Floods arise and beat against them, yet they shall never be able to take them off that Foundation and Rock which by Faith they are fastned upon: Notwithstanding, through unbelief and the temptations of Satan, the fensible fight of the Light, and Love of God, may for a time be clouded, and obscured from (b) them, yet it is still the same, (c) and they shall be fure to be kept by the Power of God unto Salvation, where they shall enjoy their purchased Posselfion, they being engraven upon the Palm of his Hands, and their Names having been written in the Book of of Life from all Eternity.

2. This Perseverance of the Saints, depends not upon their own free Will,

<sup>(</sup>b) Pialm 89. 31, 32. I Cor. 11. 22. (c) Mal. 3 6. but

but upon the immutability of the De-Problem upon the immutability of the De-out Picree of (d) Election, flowing from the ets all free and unchangeable Love of God the problem Father, upon the efficacy of the Merit Gradiand Intercession of Jesus Christ (e) and y all Union with him, the (f) Oath of God, do all the abiding of his Spirit, and the (g) that Seed of God within them, and the Na-ture of the (b) Covenant of Grace; from y fail all which ariseth also the certainty and

inaffability thereof.

And though they may, through the temptation of Satan, and of the World, the prevalency of Corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of Means of their prefervation, fall into grievous (i) Sins, and for a time continue therein; whereby they incur (k) God's displeasure, and grieve his holy spirit, come to have their Graces and work of (1) Comforts impaired, have their

<sup>(</sup>d) Rom. 8. 30. Chap. 9.11, 16. (e) Rom 5. 9, 10.

Will (h) Jon 32 40. (i) Matt. 26. 70. 72, 74. (k) Ha. 64.

5. 9. Eph. 4. 30. (l) Pfalm 51. 10, 12.

Hearts hardened, and their Consciences | 800 wounded, (m) hurt, and fcandalize of his L thers, and bring temporal Judgments her (n) upon themselves, yet they shall renew their (o) Repentance, and be pre- which new their (0) Repentance, and be renther ferved, through Faith in Christ Jesus, tham ectura

### CHAP. XVIII.

Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation.

I. A Lthough temporary Believers, Grace and other unregenerate Men, les are may vainly deceive themselves with the false hopes, and carnal Presumptions, with of being in the Favour of God, and dren thate of Salvation, (a) which hope of keepi theirs shall perish; yet such as truly be holy. lieve in the Lord Jesus, and love him in fincerity, endeavouring to walk in

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<sup>(</sup>m) Pfalm 32. 3, 4. (n) 2 Sam. 12. 14. (o) Luke 22. 32. and v. 61, 62. (4) Job 8. 13, 14. Marth. 71 22, le characte () character all

cience ll good Conscience before him, may in alize this Life be certainly assured, (b) that green hey are in the state of Grace, and may hall re-ejoyce in the hope of the glory of God, be prowhich hope shall never make them (c) Jelus shamed.

2. This Certainty is not a bare conectural and probable Perfuasion, grounded upon (d) a fallible Hope, but an infallible Assurance of Faith, sounded on
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14. 12, 13. (c) Rom. 5. 2, 5. (d) Heb. 6. 11, 19. (e) Heb. 6.

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3. This infallible Affurance doth nothaken to belong to the Essence of Faith, but as (n) that a true Believer may wait long; by (o) and consist with many difficulties, be which fore he be (i) partaker of it; yet beinggrieve enabled by the Spirit, to know the (p) ve things which are freely given him of withd God, he may without extraordinary tenance revelation in the right use of Means (k) him t attain thereunto; and therefore it is no lig the Duty of every one, to give all dili-of the gence to make their Calling and Electi-Paith, on fure, that thereby his Heart may be Breth enlarged in Peace and Joy in the Holy Confe Spirit, in love and thankfulness to God, the O and in strength and chearfulness in the lance Duties of Obedience, the proper (1) and b Fruits of this Assurance; so far is it they

(m) from inclining Men to loofness.

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<sup>(</sup>i) Ha. 50. 10. Pfalm 88. & Pfalm. 77. 1—12. (k)

1 John 4. 13. Heb. 6. 11, 12. (l) Rom. 5. 1, 2, 5. Ch.

14. 17. Pfalm 119. 32. (m) Rom. 6. 1, 2. Tit. 2. 14.

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Thaken, diminished, and intermitted;

as (n) by negligence in preserving of it,

by (o) falling into some special Sin, which woundeth the Conscience, and grieveth the Spirit, by some sudden, or vehement Temptation, by God's withdrawing the (q) Light of his Countenance, and suffering even such as fear him to walk in darkness, and to have no light; yet are they never destitute of the (r) Seed of God, and Life (s) of Paith, that Love of Christ, and the Brethren, that fincerity of Heart, and Conscience of Duty, out of which, by Golthe Operation of the Spirit, this Affuthrance may in due time be (t) revived; and by the which, in the mean time, they are (u) preserved from utter defpair.

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<sup>(</sup>n) Cant. 5. 2. 3: 6. (o) Pfalm 51. 8. 12. 14. (p)
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## CHAP. XIX.

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Of the Law of God.

OD gave to Adam a Law of United M T versal Obedience, (a) written if the p his Heart, and a particular Precept of conta not eating the Fruit of the Tree of partl. Knowledge of Good and Evil; by Chris which he bound him, and all his Poste and I rity to personal, entire, exact and per diver petual (b) Obedience; promised Listies, upon the fulfilling, and (c) threatner appo Death upon the breach of it, and in mati dued him with Power and Ability to Med

written in the Heart of Man, (d) continued to be a perfect Rule of Righte outness after the Fall oufness after the Fall, and was deliver dicia ed by God upon Mount Sinai, in (e) with

<sup>(</sup>a) Gen. 1. 27. Eccle. 7. 29. (b) Rom. 10. 5, (d) Gal. 3. 10. 12. (d) Rom. 2. 14, 15. (e) Deut. 10. 4.

Ten Commandments, and written in two Tables, the four first containing our Duty towards God, and the other

fix our Duty to Man.

3. Besides this Law, commonly callof ded Moral, God was pleased to give to
the People of Israel Ceremonial Laws,
copt containing several typical Ordinances,
partly of Worship, (f) presiguring
Christ, his Graces, Actions, Sufferings,
poll and Benefits; and partly holding forth
divers Instructions (g) of Moral Duties, all which Ceremonial Laws being
appointed only to the time of Resormation, are by Jesus Christ the true
Messiah, and only Law-giver, who
was furnished with Power from the
Father, for that end, (b) abrogated
and taken away.

4. To them also he gave fundry Juelividicial Laws, which expired together in with the state of that People, not ob-

<sup>(</sup>f) Heb. 10. 1. Col. 2. 17. (g) 1 Cor. 5. 7. (b) Col. 2. 14. 16, 17. Eph. 2. 14. 16.

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they 5. The Moral Law doth for ever humi bind all, (k) as well justified Persons as toget others, to the Obedience thereof, and they of hi that not only in regard of the Matter contained in it, but also in respect to th of the (1) Authority of God the Creator, who gave it; neither doth Christ in the Gospel any way diffolve, (m) but much strengthen this Obligation. all which Ceremonia

6. Although true Believers be not under the Law, as a Covenant of Works, (n) to be thereby justified or condemned, yet it is of great Use to them, as well as to others, in that, as a Rule of Life, informing them of the Will of God, and their Duty, it directs and binds them to walk accordingly;

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(o) discovering also the finful Polutions of their Natures, Hearts and Lives, fo as examining themselves thereby, they may come to further conviction of, humiliation for, and hatred against Sin together with a clearer fight of the need and they have of Christ, and the perfection arte of his Obedience: It is likewise of use ped to the Regenerate, to restrain their Corruptions, in that it forbids Sin; and dol the Threatnings of it serve to shew What even their Sins deserve, and what this Afflictions in this Life they may expect for them, although freed from the Curse and unallyed Rigor thereof. These Promises of it likewise shew d of them God's approbation of Obedience, and what Bleffings they may expect the not as due to them by the Law as a covenant of Works; fo as Man's dogly ing Good, and refraining from Evil; because the Law incourageth to the James

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<sup>(</sup>e) Rom. 3. 20. Chap. 77. &c... G. 2.

one, and deterreth from the other, is no Evidence of his being (p) under the

Law, and not under Grace.

7. Neither are the forementioned Uses of the Law (q) contrary to the Grace of the Gospel, but do sweetly comply with it, the Spirit of Christ subduing (r) and inabling the Will of Man to do that freely and chearfully, which the Will of God revealed in the Law, requireth to be done.

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Of the Gospel, and of the Extent of the Grace thereof.

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<sup>(</sup>p) Rom. 6. 12. 13, 14. 1 Pet. 3. 8.—13. (q) Gal. 3. 21. (r) Ezek. 37. 21. (a) Gen. 3. 15. the

the Seed of the Woman, as the Means of calling the Elect, and begetting in them Faith and Repentance; in this Promise, the (b) Gospel, as to the substance of it, was revealed, and therein effectual, for the Conversion and Salvation of Sinners.

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2. This Promise of Christ and Salvation by him, is revealed only by (6) the Word of God; neither do the Works of Creation, or Providence, with the Light of Nature, (d) make discovery of Christ, or of Grace by him, fo much as in a general, or obfcure way; much less, that Men, destitute of the Revelation of him by the Promise, or Gospel, (e) should be enabled thereby, to attain faving Faith, or Repentance.

3. The Revelation of the Gospel unto Sinners, made in divers times, and by fundry parts, with the addition of

<sup>(6) (</sup>b) Rev. 13.8( (c) Rom. 1. 17. (4) Rom. 10. 149 15, 17. (e) Prov. 29. 18. Ifa. 25, 7, with Ch. 60. 2, 3. Promifes, ell only

Promises, and Precepts, for the Obedihe H ence required therein, as to the Natifor th tual ons, and Perfons, to whom it is grant-Mean ed, is meerly of the (f) Soveraign Will and good Pleafure of God; not being annexed by vertue of any Promife, to the due improvement of Men's natural Abilities, by vertue of common light received, without it; which none ever did (g) make, or can fo do: And therefore in all Ages the Preaching of the Gospel hath been granted unto Persons and Nations, as to the extent, or freightning of it, in great variety, according to the Counsel of the Will of God.

4. Although the Gospel be the only outward Means of revealing Christ, and faving Grace, and is, as fuch, abundantly sufficient thereunto; that Men, who are dead in Trespasses, may be Born again, Quickned or Regenerated, there is moreover necessary, an effectual insuperable (b) Work of

(f) Pialm 147. 10. Acts 16. 7. (g) Rom. 1. 18, &c. (b) Pfalm 110. 3. 1 Cor. 2. 14. Eph. 1. 19, 20. the

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obedit the Holy Spirit, upon the whole Soul, for the producing in them a new Spiritual Life; without which no other Means will effect (i) their Conversion with the God.

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1. HE Liberty which Christ hath purchased for Believers under the Gospel, consists in their freedom from the guilt of Sin, the condemning Wrath of God, the Rigour and (a) Curse of the Law, and in their being delivered from this present Evil (6) World, Bondage to (c) Satan, and Dominion (a) of Sin, from the (e) Evil of Affli ions, the Fear, and Sting (1) of

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trary Death, the Victory of the Grave, and (g) Everlasting Damnation; as also in their (b) free access to God, and their yielding Obedience unto him, not out of a flavish fear, (i) but a Child-like

love, and willing Mind.

All which were common also to Believers under the Law (k) for the Substance of them; but under the New Testament, the Liberty of Christians is further enlarged in their freedom from the Yoke of the Ceremonial Law, to which the Jewish Church was subjected, and in greater boldness of access to the Throne of Grace, and in fuller Communications of the (1) Free Spirit of God, than Believers under the Law did ordinarily partake of.

2. God alone is (m) Lord of the Conscience, and hath left it free from the Doctrines and Commandments of Men. (n) which are in any thing con-

<sup>(</sup>g) 2 Theff. 1, 10. (b) Rom. 8. 15. (i) Luke 1. 75. 75. 1 John 4. 18. (k) Gal. 3. 9. 14. (l) John 7. 38, 39. Heb. 10. 19, 20, 21. (m) Jam. 4. 12. Rom. 14. 4. (n) Acts 4, 19. & 5. 29. 1 Cor. 7. 23. Matt. 15.9. trary

trary to his Word, or not contained in it. So that to believe fuch Doctrines, or Obey fuch Commands out of Conscience, (0) is to betray true Liberty of Conscience; and the requiring of an (p) implicit Faith, and absolute and blind Obedience, is to destroy Liberty of Conscience and Reason also.

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3. They who, upon pretence of Christian Liberty, do practice any Sin, or cherish any sinful Lust, as they do thereby pervert the main defign of the Grace of the Gospel, (q) to their own Destruction, for they wholly destroy (1) the end of Christian Liberty; which is, that, being delivered out of the Hands of all our Fnemies, we might serve the Lord without fear, in Holiness and Righteousnets before him, all the Days of our Lives. or (c) any other way, not preferibed

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<sup>(9)</sup> Col. 2. 20. 22, 23. (p) 1 Cor. 3. 5. 2 Cor. 1. 24. (q) Rom. 6. 1, 2. (r) Gal. 5. 13. 2 Pet. 2. 18, 21.

# CHAP. XXII.

Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath-Day.

1. HE Light of Nature shews that there is a God, who hath Lordship and Sovereignty over all; is Just, Good, and doth good unto all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and ferved, with all the Heart, and all the Soul, (a) and with all the Might. But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God, is (b) instituted by himself, and fo limited by his own revealed Will, that he may not be worthipped according to the Imaginations and Devices of Men, or the Suggestions of Satan, under any visible Representations, or (c) any other way, not prescribed in the Holy Scriptures.

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<sup>(</sup>a) Jer. 10. 7. Mark 12. 33. (b) Deut. 12. 32. (c) Exod. 20. 4, 5, 6.

2. Religious Worship is to be given to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to him (d) alone; not to Angels, Saints, or any other (e) Creatures; and fince the Fall, not without a (f) Mediator, hearing in the Mediation of any other but

(g) Christ alone.

3. Prayer, with Thanksgiving, being one special part of Natural Worship, is by God required of (b) all Men.
But that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the (i) Name of the Son, by the help (k) of the Spirit, according to (l) his Will; with Understanding, Reverence, Humility, Fervency, Faith, Love, and Perseverance; and with others, in a (m) known. others, in a (m) known Tongue.

d De lawful, and for all forts of Men living, of Sa. (a) or that shall live hereafter; but

ribed (d) Matt. 4.9, 10. John 6. 23. Matt. 28. 19. (e) (a) Matt. 4. 9, 10. John 6. 23. Matt. 28. 19. (c)
Rom. 1. 25. Col. 2. 18. Rev. 19. 10. (f) John 14. 6.
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John 14. 13, 14. (k) Rom. 8. 26. (l) 2 John 5. 14.
(d) (m) 1 Cor. 14. 16, 17. (n) 1 Tim. 2. 1, 2. 2 Sam.
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not (0) for the dead, nor for those of whom it may be known, that they have

finned (p) the Sin unto Death.)

It is 5. The (q) reading of the Scriptures, Preaching, and (r) hearing the Word of God, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, Singing with Grace in our Hearts to (s) the Lord; as also the Administration (t) of Baptism, and (11) the Lord's Supper, are all parts of Religious Worship of God, to be performed in Obedience to him, with Un derstanding, Faith, Reverence, and Godly Fear; moreover, Solemn Humiliation, (x) with Fastings, and Thanksgiving, upon (y) special occafions, ought to be used in an holy and religious manner: 10 lls 10t bas July

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those der the Gospel, tied unto, or made more acceptable by any place in which ney have It is (z) performed, or towards which it is directed; but God is to be wore Worl shipped every where in Spirit, and in Truth; as in (a) private Families (b) daily, and (c) in fecret each one by himself, so more solemnly in the Publick Affemblies, which are not carelefly, nor wilfully, to be (d) neglected or forof Revidence call like (a) neglected or forbe per vidence calleth thereunto.

7. As it is of the Law of Nature, ce, and that in general, a proportion of time, by God's appointment, be fet apart for and the Worship of God, so by his Word, Si occar in a positive, moral, and perpetual Comoly and mandment, binding all Men, in all Ages, he hath particularly appointed one day in feven for a (e) Sabbath to be kept holy unto him, which from the W, UI' beginning of the World, to the Refur-

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<sup>(2)</sup> John 4. 21. Mal. 1. 11. 1 Tim. 2. 8. (a) Acts 10. 2. (b) Mat. 6. 11. Pfal. 55. 17. (c) Mat. 6. 6. (d) Heb. 10. 25. Acts 2. (a) Fred. Heb. 10. 25. Acts 2. 42. (e) Exod. 20. 8.

rection of Christ, was the last Day of the Week; and from the Resurrection of Christ, was changed into the first day of the Week, (f) which is called the Lord's Day; and is to be continued to the end of the World, as the Christian Sabbath; the observation of the last day of the Week being abolished.

8. The Sabbath is then kept holy unto the Lord, when Men, after a due preparing of their Hearts, and ordering their common affairs aforehand, do not only observe an holy (g) rest all the day, from their own Works, Words and Thoughts, about their worldly Employment and Recreations, but also are taken up the whole Time in the publick and private Exercises of his Worship, and in the Duties (h) of Necessity and Mercy.

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#### CHAP. XXIII.

Of Lawful Oaths and Vows.

Lawful Oath is a part of Religious Worship, (a) wherein the Person swearing in Truth, Righteousness, and Judgment, solemnly calleth God to witness what he sweareth; (b) and to judge him according to the

truth or falseness thereof.

which Men ought to swear; and therein it is to be used, with all Holy Fear and Reverence; therefore to swear vainly or rashly by that glorious and dreadful Name, or to swear at all by any other thing, is sinful and to be (s) abhorred; yet as in matter of weight and moment, for confirmation of Truth, (d) and ending all strife, an Oath is

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warranted by the Word of God; so a lawful Oath being imposed, (e) by lawful Authority, in such matters, ought to be taken.

3. Whosever taketh an Oath, warranted by the Word of God, ought duly to consider the weightiness of solemn an Act, and therein to avouch nothing, but what he knoweth to be the Truth; for that by rash, false, and vain Oaths, the (f) Lord is provoked, and for them this Land mourns.

plain and (g) common sence of the Words, without equivocation, or men-

tal refervation.

5. A Vow, which is not to be made to any Creature, but to God alone, (h) is to be made and performed with all religious Care and faithfulness: But Popish Monastical Vows, (i) of perpetual fingle Life, professed (k) Poverty, and

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regular Obedience, are so far from being degrees of higher persection, that they are superstitious, (l) and sinful snares, in which no Christian may intangle himself.

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## CHAP. XXIV.

Of the Civil Magistrate.

King of all the World, hath ordained Civil (a) Magistrates to be under him, over the People, for his own Glory, and the publick good; and to this end hath armed them with the Power of the Sword, for defence and encouragement of them that do good, and for the Punishment of evil doers.

2. It is lawful for Christians to Accept and Execute the Office of a Magistrate, when called thereunto; in the management whereof, as they ought es-

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<sup>(1)</sup> Mat. 19. 11. (a) Rom. 13. 1, 2, 3, 4.

pecially to maintain (b) Justice, and Peace, according to the wholesom Laws of each Kingdom, and Commonwealth: So for that end they may lawfully now under the New Testament (c) wage War upon just and necessary occasions.

3. Civil Magistrates being set up by God, for the ends aforesaid, subjection in all lawful things commanded by them, ought to be yielded by us in the Lord, not only for Wrath, (d) but for Conscience-sake; and we ought to make Supplications and Prayers for Kings, and all that are in Authority, (e) that under them we may live a quiet and peaceable Life, in all godliness and honesty.

<sup>(</sup>b) 2 Sam. 23.3. Pfal. 82. 3, 4. (c) Luke 3, 14. (d) Rom. 13. 5, 6, 7. 1 Pet. 2. 17: (e) 1 Tim. 2. 1, 2.



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## CHAP. XXV.

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Arriage is to be between one Man and one Woman; (a) neighbor ther is it lawful for any Man to have jection more than one Wife, nor for any Woman led by to have more than one Husband at the jut for any Woman are time.

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mutual help (b) of Husband and Wife, of for the increase of Mankind with a legitimate Issue, and for (d) preventing of Uncleanness

3. It is lawful for (e) all forts of People to Marry, who are able with Judgment to give their Consent; yet it is the Duty of Christians (f) to Marry in the Lord; and therefore such as profess the true Religion, should not Marry

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<sup>(</sup>a) Gen. 2.24. Mal. 2.15. Mat. 19.5, 6. (b) Gen. 2.18. (c) Gen. 1.28. (d) 1 Cor. 7.2, 9. (e) Heb. 13.4. 1 Tim. 4.13. (f) 1 Cor. 7.39.

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with Infidels, (g) or Idolaters; neither confi should fuch as are godly be unequally Blea yoked, by Marrying with fuch as are gath wicked in their Life, or maintain dam-Bod. nable Heresie.

4. Marriage ought not to be within in al the degrees of Consanguinity (h) or Afprof finity, forbidden in the Word; nor can fuch incestuous Marriage ever be made Obe ding lawful, by any Law of Man or Con-0.19 fent of Parties, (i) fo as those Persons four may live together as Man and Wife.

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Of the Church.

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confifts of the whole (a) Number of the Elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ, the Head thereof; and is the Spouse, the Body, the Fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

2. All Persons, throughout the World,

professing the Faith of the Gospel, and Obedience unto God by Christ, accor-Profession by any Errors, everting the foundation, or unholiness of Conversation, (b) are and may be called visible Saints; (c) and of fuch ought all particular Congregations to be constituted.

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3. The purest Churches under Heaven are subject (b) to mixture, and error; and some have so degenerated as to become (e) no Churches of Christ, but Synagogues of Satan; nevertheless christ always hath had, and ever shall

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<sup>(</sup>a) Heb. 12. 23. Col. 1. 18. Eph. 1. 10, 22, 23. and Chap. 5. 23, 27, 32. (b) 1 Cor. 1. 2. Acis 11. 26. (c) Mat. Rom. 1. 7. Eph. 1. 20, 21, 22. (d) 1 Cor. 15. Rev. 2. and Chap. 3. (e) Rev. 18. 2. 2 Theff. 2. 11, 12.

have a (f) Kingdom in this World, to giver the end thereof, of fuch as believe in they

him, and make Profession of his Name. (k) was the Lord Jesus Christ is the Head crib of the Church, in whom, by the ap- hus pointment of the Father, (g) all Power Seth for the Calling, Institution, Order, or Chur Government of the Church, is invested tion, in a supreme and soveraign manner, Publ neither can the Pope of Rome in any then 6 fence be Head thereof, but is (b) that Antichrift, that Man of Sin, and Son are of Perdition, that exalteth himself in festi the Church against Christ, and all that 1019 is called God; whom the Lord shall de ence Will ftroy with the brightness of his coming. 0100

5. In the execution of this Power wherewith he is fo intrusted, the Lord Jesus calleth, out of the World unto himself, through the Ministry of his Word, by his Spirit, (i) those that are

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<sup>(</sup>f) Mat. 16. 18. Pfal. 72. 17, and Pfal. 102. 28. Rev. 12. 17. (g) Col. r. 18. Mat. 28. 19, 12, 20. Eph. 4: (b) 2 Theff. 2. 2. -9. (i) John 10. 16. Chape 11, 12. 12. 32.

given unto him, by his Father, that they may walk before him in all the (k) ways of Obedience, which he prefcribeth to them in his Word. Those thus called, he commandeth to walk tothe gether in particular Societies. power Sether in particular Societies, or (1) der, tion, and the due performance of that publick Worship, which he requireth of them in the World.

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6. The Members of these Churches are (m) Saints by calling, visibly manifelting and evidencing (in and by their profession and walking) their Obediate once unto that call of Christian Il that ence unto that call of Christ; and do willingly consent to walk together acningly confent to walk together acgiving up themselves to the Lord, and Lord one to another, by the Will of God, unto (2) in professed subjection to the Ordinances of the Gospel.

<sup>(</sup>k) Mat. 28. 20. (l) Mat. 18. 15, 20. (m) Rom. 12. 7. 1 Cor. 1. 2. (n) Acts 2. 41, 42. Chap. 5. 13, 14. Chap. 2 Cor. 9. 13. given

7. To each of these Churches thus 9. gathered, according to his Mind, de-the clared in his Word, he hath given all gifted that (0) Power and Authority, which hee is any way needful for their carrying on is, the that Order in Worship and Discipline, com which he hath instituted for them to lelf. observe, with Commands and Rules, for the due and right exerting, and exther

ecuting of that Power.

In: 8. A particular Church gathered, fen and compleatly Organized according to by the mind of Christ, consists of Officers Har and Members: And the Officers appointed by Christ to be chosen and set ffar apart by the Church (fo called and gathered) for the peculiar Administration In F Wo of Ordinances, and Execution of Power, tor or Duty, which he intrusts them with, an or calls them to, to be continued to the the end of the World, are (p) Bishops or not Elders and Deacons.

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(o) Mat. 18. 17, 18. 1 Cor. 5. 4, 5. with ver. 13. 2 Cor. 2. 6, 7, 8. (p) Acts 20. 17, with ver. 28. Phil.

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9. The way appointed by Christ for the Calling of any Person, sitted and gisted by the Holy Spirit, unto the Office of Bishop, or Elder, in a Church, is, that he be chosen thereunto by the common (q) suffrage of the Church it self; and solemnly set apart by Fasting and Prayer, with Imposition of Hands of the (r) Eldership of the Church, if there be any before Constituted therein: And of a Deacon (s) that he be chosen by the like suffrage, and set apart by Prayer, and the like Imposition of Hands.

frantly to attend the Service of Christ, in his Churches, in the Ministry of the Word, and Prayer, (t) with Watching for their Souls, as they that must give an account to him; it is incumbent on the Churches to whom they Minister, not only to give them all due respect,

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<sup>(4)</sup> Acts 14. 23. See the Original. (r) 1 Tim. 4. 14. (s) Acts 6. 3, 5, 6. (t) Acts 6. 4. Heb. 13. 17.

(") but also to communicate to them of all their good Things, according to their ability, fo as they may have a comfortable supply, without being themselves (x) entangled in Secular Affairs; and may also be capable of exercifing (y) Hospitality towards others; and this is required by the (z) Law of Nature, and by the Express Order of our Lord Jesus, who hath ordained, that they that Preach the Gospel, should Live of the Gospel.

II. Although it be incumbent on the Bishops or Pastors of the Churches, to be instant in Preaching the Word, by way of Office, yet the Work of Preaching the Word, is not fo peculiarly confined to them, but that others also (a) gifted, and fitted by the Holy Spirit for it, and approved, and called by the Church, may, and ought to perform it.

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12. As all Believers are bound to joyn themselves to particular Churches, when and where they have opportunity so to do; so all that are admitted unto the Priviledges of a Church, are also (b) under the Censures and Government thereof, according to the Rule of Christ.

offence taken by them, having performed their Duty required of them towards the Person they are offended at, ought to disturb any Church order, or absent themselves from the Assemblies of the Church, or Administration of any Ordinances, upon the Account of such offence at any of their fellow-members, but to wait upon Christ, (c) in the further proceeding of the Church.

Members of it, are bound to (d) pray continually, for the good and prosperi-

<sup>(</sup>b) 1 Theff. 5. 14. 2 Theff. 3. 6, 14, 15. (c) Mart. 18. 15, 16, 17. Eph. 4.2, 3. (d) Eph. 6. 18. Pfal. 122. 6

Places, and upon all occasions to further, (every one within the bounds of their Places and Callings, in the Exercise of their Gifts and Graces) so the Churches (when planted by the Providence of God so as they may enjoy opportunity and advantage for it) ought to hold (e) Communion amongst themselves for their Peace, increase of Love and mutual Edification.

Administration; wherein either the Churches in general are concerned, or any one Church in their Peace, Union, and Edification; or any Member, or Members of any Church are injured, in, or by any proceedings in Censures not agreeable to truth and order: It is according to the Mind of Christ, that many Churches holding Communion together, do by their Messengers meet

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to consider, (f) and give their Advice in or about that matter in difference, to be reported to all the Churches concerned; howbeit these Messengers assembled, are not entrusted with any Church-power properly so called; or with any Jurisdiction over the Churches themselves, to exercise any Censures either over any Churches, or Persons; or (g) to impose their determination on the Churches or Officers.

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<sup>(</sup>f) Acts 15. 2, 4, 6. & 22, 23, 25. (g) 2 Cor. 1. 24. I John 4. 1. (a) I John 1. 3. John 1. 16. Phil. 3. 10. Rom. 6. 5, 6.

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ferings, Death, Resurrection and Glory; and being united to one another in love, they (b) have Communion in each others Gifts, and Graces, and are obliged to the performance of such Duties, publick and private, in an orderly way, (c) as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward Man.

maintain an holy Fellowship and Communion in the Worship of God, and in performing such other Spiritual Services, (d) as tend to their mutual Edistation; as also in relieving each other in (e) outward things, according to their several Abilities, and Necessities; which Communion, according to the Rule of the Gospel, though especially to be exercised by them, in the Relations wherein they stand, whether in

<sup>(</sup>b) Eph. 4. 15, 16. 1 Cor. 12. 7. 1 Cor. 3. 21, 22, 23. (c) 1 Theff. 5. 11, 14. Rom. 1. 12. 1 John 3. 17, 23. (c) 1 Theff. 5. 11, 14. Rom. 1. 12. 1 John 3. 17, 23. (c) 1 Theff. 5. 11, 14. Rom. 1. 12. 1 John 3. 12, 23. (c) 1 Theff. 5. 12. (d) 1 Theff. 5. 12. (d) 1 Theff. 5. 12. (d) 1 Theff. 5. (d) 1 Theff. 6. (d) 1 Th

<sup>18.</sup> Gal. 6. 10. (d) Heb. 10. 24, 25. with Chap. 3. 12, 13. (e) Acts 12. 29, 30.