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That this man Christ Jesus suffered death under Pilate at the request of the Jewes, Luke 23. 24. Bearing the sins of his people on his own body on the cross, 1 Pet. 2. 24. *Who his own self bare our sins on his own body on the tree*, according to the will of God, Isa. 53. 6. *The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all*. Being made sin for us, 2 Cor. 5. 11. *For he hath made him to be sin for us*, and so was also made a curse for us, Gal. 3. 13, 14. *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us* --- 1. Pet. 3. 18. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins*, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2. Cor. 5. 11. and by his death upon the cross, he hath obtained eternal redemption and deliverance for his Church, Col. 1. 14. *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sin*, Ephe. 1. 7. *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace*, Acts 20. 28. *feed the Church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood*, Heb. 9. 12. *By his own blood, he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us*, 1 Pet. 1. 18, 19. *For as much as ye know ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, &c. but with the precious blood of Christ as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot.*

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That this same Jesus having thus suffered death for our sins, was buried, Math. 27. 59, 60. And
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when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linnen cloth, and laid it in his own new Tomb, which he had hewen out of the Rock, and he rouled a great stone to the door of the Sepulchre and departed. and was also raised by the power of God, Eph. 1. 19. And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead. the third day according to the Scriptures, 1 Cor. 15: 3, 4. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. for our justification, Rom. 4. 25. Who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification.

XVII.

That after he had been seen fourty daies upon the earth, manifesting himself to his Disciples, Acts 1. 3. To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion, by many infallible proofs, being seen of them fourty daies. he ascended into the heavens. Acts 1. 9, 10, 11. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight, and while they looked stedfastly towards heaven, as he went up, &c. Heb. 4. 14. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, and is set on the right hand of the Throne of God. Heb. 8. 1. We have such an high Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, Heb. 1. 3. When he had by himself purged our sin, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, whom the heavens must receive

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receive untill the time of the restitution of all things, *Acts 3. 21. Whom the heavens must receive, untill the times of the restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy Prophets since the world began.*

XVIII.

That the Father having thus exalted him, and given him a name above every name, *Phil. 2. 9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name above every name.* and hath made him who is Mediator. *1 Tim. 2. 5. Priest, Heb. 10. 21. and having an high Priest over the house of God, Heb. 8. 1. We have such an high Priest. Prophet, Acts 3. 22. A Prophet shall the Lord y^r God raise up unto you of your Brethren, &c. and King to his people, Psal. 2. 6. Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion, Rev. 15. 3. thou King of Saints.* As he is our Priest, so is he our Peace and reconciliation, *Ephes. 2. 14. 15. For he is our peace. Rom. 5. 9. 10. for if when we were Enemies, we were reconciled to God, by the death of his Son, much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life, &c. and being entred into the holy place, even heaven it self, there to appear in the presence of God, Heb. 9. 24. making continual intercession for us, Heb. 7. 24, 25. But this man because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable Priesthood, wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost, that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them, he is become our Advocate, 1 Joh. 2. 1. we have an Advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous, by whom we have boldness and access unto the Throne of Grace with acceptance. Heb. 10. 19. Having therefore Brethren boldness to enter into the*

holiest by the blood of Jesus. Ephe. 3. 12. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence, by the faith of him, Heb. 4. 16. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of Grace, &c. As he is our Prophet, so he hath given us the Scriptures, the old and new Testament, as a rule and direction unto us, both for faith and practise, John 5. 39. Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, & they are they which testify of me, 1 Pet. 1. 10, 11, 12. 2 Tim. 3. 16. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, &c. 1 Pet. 1. 10, 20, 21. We have also a more sure word of prophesie, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place.---knowing this first, that no prophesie of the Scriptures is of any private interpretation. For the prophesie came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were mooved by the holy Spirit, Ephe. 2. 20. And are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, 1 Cor. 14. 37. if any man thinketh himself to be a Prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandements of the Lord, Tit. 1. 2, 3. In hope of eternal life, which God that cannot lye promised before the world began, but hath in due time manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me. according to the commandement of God our Saviour. and that he hath sent, doth and will (according to his promise) send his holy Spirit the Comforter, by whom he leadeth us into all truth, John 14. 26. But the Comforter which is the holy Spirit, whom the Father will send

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send in my name, he shall teach you all things, &c. John 16. 13. How be it, when the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth, and by his continual presence with us, and in us, John 14. 16, 17. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, &c. He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you, teaching, opening and revealing the mysteries of the Kingdome and will of God unto us, 1 Cor. 2. 10, 11, 12, 13. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God, for what man knoweth the things of a man save the Spirit of man which is in him: Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God, Now we have received not the Spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given us of God, which things also we speak, not in the words which mans wisdom teacheth, but which the holy spirit teacheth. Rev. 2. 29. he that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit saith to the Churches. Revel. 5. 5. And one of the Elders said unto me, weep not, behold the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the root of David hath prevailed, to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof, giving gifts in his church for the work of the ministry, and edifying the body of Christ, Ephes. 4. 8, 12. Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men---for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 1 Cor. 12. 4, 5, 6. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit, and there are differences of administrations, but the same

same Lord, and there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all, that through the powerfull teachings of the Lord, by his spirit in his church, they might grow up in him, Eph. 4. 15. be conformed to his will, Ezek. 36. 27. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them. 1 Pet. 1. 2. Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience, and sing praises to his name, Heb. 2. 12. I will declare thy name unto my Brethren, in the midst of the Church will I sing praise unto thee, 1 Cor. 14. 15. What is it then? I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with understanding also, I will sing with the Spirit, and will sing with understanding also, And as he is our Prophet, and King, Lord and Law-giver, Isa. 33. 22. For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Law-giver, the Lord is our King, Jsa. 55. 4. Behold I have given him for a witness to the People, a leader and commander to the people. Prince of life, Acts 3. 15. And killed the Prince of life whom God hath raised from the dead. Prince of peace, Jsa. 9. 6. Master of his people, Math. 23. 8. One is your master even Christ. head of his church, Col. 1. 18. And he is the head of the body the Church, the Almighty, Rev. 1. 8. so he hath given rules unto us, by the which he ruleth over us, Luke 6. 46. And why call ye me Lord, and do not the things which I say, John 10. 16. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, 1 John 2. 4. He that saith I know him, and doth not my commandments, is a lyer, and the

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truth is not in him, John 14. 15. If ye love me keeP
my commandements, Mat. 28. 20. Teaching them to
observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.
and ruleth over all things for his church, Ephe. 1. 22.
And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him
to be the head over all things to the Church. Rev. 19. 16.
and by the power of love ruleth by his spirit in us,
2. Cor. 5. 14. For the love of Christ constraineth us.
1 John 2. 5. But who so keepeth his word, in him verily
is the love of God perfected. making us (in a mea-
sure) both able and willing to honour him, Phil. 4.
13. I can do all things through Christ that strengthneth
me. Heb. 13. 21. Make you perfect in every good work
to do his will, working in you that which is well plea-
sing in his sight, through Jesus Christ. Ephes. 6. 10.
Finally my Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the
power of his might. Phil. 2. 13. For it is God which
worketh in you both to will, and to do of his good plea-
sure. and bow before him, Psal. 95. 6. O come let us
worship and bow down. Psal. 110. 3. Thy people shall
be a willing people in the day of thy power. Rev. 4.
10, 11. The four and twenty Elders fall down before
him that sate on the throne, and worship him that li-
veth for ever and ever, and cast their Crownes before
the throne saying; thou art worthy O Lord to receive
glory, and honour, and power. submitting our selves
to him alone in all his commands with joy,
John 15. 14. Ye are my Friends if ye do whatsoever
I command you. Rev. 14. 4. These are they which fol-
low the Lamb whethersoever he goeth. Rev. 7. 15.
Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve
him day any night in his Temple. Psal. 119. 2, 47.

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Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart---- and I will delight my self in thy commandments which I have loved, Rev. 15. 3. 4. And they sung the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, who shall not fear thee O Lord and glorify thy name, for thou onely art wor- thy.

XIX.

That the spirit is administred by or through the word of faith preached, Gal. 3. 2. This onely would I learn of you? Received ye the spirit by the works of the Law, or by the hearing of faith, which word was first declared by the Lord himself, and was confirmed by them that heard him, Heb. 2. 3. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him. which word is called the Gospel of Gods grace Acts 20. 24. The word of reconciliation, 2 Cor. 5. 19. The sword of the spirit, Ephe. 6. 17. The weapon of a Christian, 2 Cor. 10. 4. A faithfull, Rev. 22. 6. Quick, Pow- erfull, Heb. 4. 12. Plain, Prov. 8. 9. Comfortable, Rom. 15. 4. Pure, Psal. 12. 6. Right, True, Psal. 33. 4. Sound, Tit. 2. 8. and wholesome word, 1 Tim. 6. 3.

That this Spirit of Christ being administred by the word of faith, worketh in us faith in Christ, John 3. 5. 1 Pet. 1. 22. Seing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit. Acts 16. 14. Gal. 5. 22. The fruit of the spirit is faith, &c.

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Whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. by virtue of which we come to receive our Sonship, *John* 1. 12. But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. *Gal.* 3. 26. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. and is further administr'd unto us through faith in the promises of God. *1 phes.* 1. 13. Also after that ye believed, ye were seated with that holy spirit of promise. *Acts* 2. 38, 39. Then Peter said unto them repent, and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the holy spirit. *Acts* 1. 4. And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which (saith he) ye have heard of me. waiting on him in those waies and meanes. that he hath appointed in his word. *John* 14. 15, 16, 17. If ye love me keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth. *Luke* 11. 9. 13. And I say unto you ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you--- If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the holy Spirit to them that ask him. this faith being the ground of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen. *Heb.* 11. 1.

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That Justification is, Gods accounting and declaring that man justified from the guilt and condemnation of all his sin, who hath received Jesus Christ and doth believe in him (in truth and power) according to the Record given of him by God in Scripture. *Rom. 4. 5. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. 1 John 5. 10, 11. He that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God, hath made him a lyer, because he believeth not the Record that God gave of his Son. But this is the Record: that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. John 3. 36.*

XXII.

That Justification from the guilt and condemnation of sin is onely obtained through faith in that man Jesus Christ crucified at Jerusalem and by God raised from the dead, *Rom. 5. 1, 9. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Much more being now justified by his blood we shall be saved from wrath through him. Acts 13. 38, 39. Rom. 4. 25. Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification, and chap. 10. 9. 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. and that those who bring in any other way of justification, do therein make void, and acquit themselves.*

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selves of having any interest in the gospel and grace of Christ. *Gal. 2. 21. and 5. 4. Whosoever of you is justified by the Law is fallen from grace.*

XXIII.

That this faith being wrought in truth and power it doth not onely interest us in our justification, sonship, and glory, but it produceth as effects and fruits, a conformity in a measure to the Lord Jesus in his will, graces and virtues. *Rom. 5. 3. 4. And not onely so; but we glory in tribulations also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope. 1 John 3. 23, 24. And this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as he gave us commandment, and he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him, and hereby we know that he abideth in us by the spirit which he hath given us. 2 Pet. 1. 5, 6, 7. and besides this giving all diligence, add to your faith vertue, and to vertue knowlege, and to knowlege temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. *Galla. 5. 6. Acts 26. 18. 1 Thessalo. 1. 3.**

XXIIII.

That it is the duty of every man and woman, that have repented from dead works, and have faith towards God, to be baptized; *Acts 2. 41. 38. There*

Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins. Acts 8. 12, 37, 38. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women---and Philip said: If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayst, and he commanded the chariot to stand still, and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him. that is dipped or buried under the water. Rom. 6. 3, 4. Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death, therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death. Col. 2. 12. Buried with him in baptism, in the name of our Lord Jesus. Acts 8. 16. Only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Or in the name of the Father, Son and holy Spirit; Mat. 28. 19. Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit. therein to signify and represent a washing away of sin, Acts 22. 16. Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, and their death burial and resurrection with Christ. Rom. 6. 5. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. Col. 2. 12. Buried with him in baptism, wherein also you are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead, and being thus planted in the visible church or body of Christ. 1. Cor. 12. 3. Who are a company of men and women separated out of the world by the preaching of the gospel, Acts 2. 41. Then they

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that gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand soules. 2 Cor. 6. 17. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate. saith the Lord. do walk together in communion, in all the commandements, of Jesus. Acts 2. 42. And they continued stedfastly in the Apostles doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. wherein God is glorified, and their souls comforted. 2 Thes. I. II, 12. Wherefore we also pray alwaies for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you. 2 Cor. I. 4. Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we our selves are comforted.

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That we believe some of those commandements further to be as followeth.

1. Constancy in prayer, Col. 11. 23, 24.
2. Breaking of bread, 1 Cor. 11. 23, 24.
3. Giving of thanks, Ephes. 5. 20.
4. Watching over one another, Heb. 12. 15.
5. Caring one for another, 1 Cor. 12. 25. by visiting one another especially in sickness and temptations. Mat. 25. 36.
6. Exhorting one another, Heb. 13. 13.
7. Discovering to each other and bearing one another's burthen, Gal. 6. 2.
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18. Loving one another, *Hebrewes* 13. 1.

19. Reproving when need is one another, *Mat.*

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20. Submitting one to another in the Lord, 1

Pet. 5. 5.

21. Administring one to another according to

the gift received, whether it be in Spirituals, or

Temporals, 1 *Pet.* 4. 10.

22. The Offender to seek reconciliation, as

welshas the Offended, *Mat.* 5. 23, 24.

23. Love our Enemies and persecutors, and pray

for them, *Mat.* 5. 44.

24. Every one to work if he be able, and none

to be idle, 2 *Thess.* 3. 10, 11, 12.

25. The women in the church to learn in silence,

in all subjection, 1 *Tim.* 2. 11. 1 *Corinthians* 14.

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16. Private admonition to a brother offending

another, and if not prevailing to take one or two

more, if he hear not them, then to tell it to the

Church, and if he hear not them, to be accounted

as an heathen and publican, *Mat.* 18. 15.

17. Publick rebuke to publick offenders, 1 *Tim.*

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18. The Brethren in ministring forth their gifts,

ought to do it decently and in order, one by one,

that all may learn, and all may be comforted, 1 *Cor.*

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19. A special care to assemble together, that

their duty to God, and the Church, may not be

neglected, *Heb.* 10. 24, 25.

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name and power of the head, the Lord Christ Jesus. Col. 3. 17.

26. That in admitting of members into the church of Christ, it is the duty of the church, and ministers whom it concerns, in faithfulness to God that they be carefull they receive none but such as do make forth evident demonstration of the new birth and the work of faith with power, *John 3. 3.*

Jesus answered and said unto him, verily verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. Mat. 3. 8, 9. Bring forth therefore fruits worthy amendment of life, *Acts 8. 37.*

And Philip said, if thou believest with all thy heart, thou maiest. *Ezek. 44. 6, 7.* Let it suffice you of all your abominations, in that ye have brought into my

Sanctuary, strangers uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh to be in my sanctuary to pollute it,

Acts 2. 38. Then Peter said unto them repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 9. 14. Be ye not unequally yoked together with the unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness

with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness, *Psal. 26. 4, 5.* I have not sat with vain

persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers, I have hated the congregation of evil doers, and will not sit

with the wicked. *Psal. 101. 7.* He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within mine house.

That those that truly repent, and believe and

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are baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, are in a fit capacity to exercise faith in full assurance to receive a greater measure of the gifts and graces of the holy Spirit. *Acts 2. 38, 39.* Then Peter said unto them repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gifts of the holy spirit, for the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. *Eph. 1. 13.* In whom ye also trusted after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy spirit of promise.

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That it is the duty of the members of Christ in the order of the gospel, though in several Congregations and assemblies (being one in the head) if occasion be to communicate each to other, in things spiritual, and things temporal, *Rom. 15. 26.* For it hath pleased them of Macedonia, and Achaia, to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. *Acts 11. 29.* Then the Disciples every man according to his ability determined to send relief unto the Brethren which dwelt in Judea. *Acts 15. 22.* Then pleased it the Apostles and Elders, with the whole Church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch, with Paul and Barnabas, namely Judas surnamed Barsabas and Silas chief among the Brethren. *Acts 11. 22.* Then tidings of these things came to the ears of the Church which was in Jerusalem, and they

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they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Anti-
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That the Lord Christ Jesus being the foundation and corner stone of the Gospel church whereon his Apostles built, *Ephes. 2. 20.* And are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. *Heb. 2. 3.* he gave them power and abilities to propagate, to plant, to rule and order, *Mat. 28. 19, 20.* All power is given me in heaven and in earth, go ye therefore and teach all Nations. in his name, *Luke 10. 16.* He that beareth you heareth me, and he that despiseth you despiseth me. for the benefit of that his body, by which ministry he did shew forth the exceeding riches of his grace, by his kindness towards it in the ages to come, *Ephes. 2. 7.* which is according to his promise. *Mat. 28. 20.* And loe I am with you alway even unto the end of the world.

XXX.

That this foundation and ministrations aforesaid, is a sure guide, rule and direction, in the darkest time of the Antichristian Apostacie, or spiritual Babilonish captivity, to direct, inform, and restore us in our just freedome and liberty, to the right worship and order belonging to the church of Jesus Christ. *1 Tim. 3. 14, 15.* These things writ I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly, but if I tarry long that thou mayst know how thou oughtest to behave

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thy self in the house of God. 2 Tim. 3. 15, 16, 17. All Scriptures is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thorowly furnished unto all good works. John 17. 20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. Isa. 59. 21. As for me this is my covenant with them saith the Lord, my spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seeds seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever. Rev. 2. 24. But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come. Isa. 40. 21. Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood. Rev. 2. 5. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works, 1 Cor. 14. 37. If any man think himself to be a Prophet, or spiritual; let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you, are the commandements of the Lord; Rev. 1. 3. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this Prophecie, 2 Thess. 3. 14. And if any man obey not our word by this Epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Rev. 2. 11. He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith to the Churches. 1 Pet. 1. 25. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever, and this is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto you. 1 John 4. 6. We are of God, he that knoweth God heareth us, hereby know me the Spirit of truth and the Spirit of error. 2 Pet. 1. 15, 16. Moreover I will endeavour that

you may be able after my decease, to have these things
 alwaies in remembrance; for we have not followed cunningly
 devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and
 coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye witnesses of his
 Majesty. Isa. 58. 11, 12. and they that shall be of thee,
 shall build the old waste places, thou shalt raise up the
 foundations of many generations: and thou shalt be called
 the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in.
 2 Pet. 3. 2. That ye may be mindfull of the words
 which were spoken by the holy Prophets, and of the
 commandements of us, the Apostles of the Lord and Saviour.
 Isa. 8. 20.

XXXI.

That the church of Jesus Christ with its ministry
 may from among themselves, make choice of such members,
 as are fitly gifted and qualified by Christ, and approve
 and ordain such by fasting, prayer, and laying on of
 hands; Acts 13. 3. And when they had fasted and
 prayed, and laid their hands on them, Acts 14. 23.
 And when they had ordained them Elders in every
 Church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended
 them to the Lord, on whom they believed. for the
 performance of the several duties, whereunto they
 are called, Acts 20. 28. Rom. 12. 6. 7, 8. 2 Tim.
 4. 2. Acts 6. 3. Wherefore brethren look ye out
 among you, seven men of honest report, full of the
 holy spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over
 this business.

XXXII.

That such a ministry labouring in the word and doctrine, have a power to receive a livelyhood of their brethren whose duty it is to provide a comfortable subsistence for them if they be able, to whom for Christ sake they are Servants. *1 Cor. 9.4, 7. 1 Tim. 5. 17, 18.* *Let the Elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double honour, especiall they which labour in the word and doctrine, for the Scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the Ox that treadeth out the corn, and the labourer is worthy of his hire.* Yet it is commendable in cases of necessity for them for example sake, and that they may be able to support the weak, to labour and work with their hands. *Acts 20. 24, 25.* *Ye you your selves know that these hands have ministred unto my necessities, and to them that were with me, I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said it is more blessed to give then to receive.*

XXXIII.

That the authority of Christ in an orderly ministry in his church, is to be submitted unto. *Heb. 13. 17.* *Obey them that have rule over you, and submit your selves, for they watch for your soules.* *2 Thes. 3. 14.* *And if any man obey not our word by this Epistle note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.*

XXXIV.

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That as it is an Ordinance of Christ, so it is the duty of his Church in his authority, to send forth such brethren as are fitly gifted and qualified through the Spirit of Christ to preach the gospel to the world, *Acts 13. 1, 2, 3. The holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul, for the work whereunto I have called them; and when they had fasted and prayed they sent them away. Acts 11. 22. and 8. 14.*

XXXV.

That it is the duty of us believing Gentiles, not to be ignorant of that blindness that yet lieth on Israel, that none of us may boast, *Rom. 11. 25. For I would not Brethren that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part is hapned to Israel untill the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. but to have bowels of love and compassion to them, praying for them, Rom. 10. 1. Brethren my hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. expecting their calling, and so much the rather because their conversion will be to us life from the dead. Rom. 11. 15. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead.*

XXXVI.

That it is the will of the Lord, and it is given to the

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the Saints not onely to believe in him, but to suffer for his name, *John* 16. 13. *In the world ye shall have tribulation.* *Phil.* 1 26. *For unto you it is given in behalf of Christ, not onely to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake.* and so to pass through many tribulations into the Kingdom of God. *Acts* 14. 22. *Confirming the souls of the Disciples, and exhorting to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God.* 2 *Tim.* 2. 12. *Yea and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution.* 2 *Tim.* 2. 12. *If we suffer we shall also reign with him, if we deny him, he will also deny us.*

XXXVII.

That the Angels of the Lord are ministring spirits, sent forth for the good of those that shall be the heirs of salvation. *Heb.* 1. 14. *Are they not all ministring spirits sent forth to minister for them, who shall be heirs of salvation.* *Psal.* 91. 11. 12. *For he shall give his Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy waies, they shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.* *Acts* 27. 23. *For there stood by me this night, the Angel of God whose I am, and whom I serve, saying fear not Paul.* *Luke* 22. 43. *And there appeared unto him an Angel from heaven strenghtning him.*

XXXVIII.

That the wicked Angels. *Psal.* 78. 49. *He cast upon*

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upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil Angels among them. kept not their first estate in which they were created; Jud. 6. And the Angels which kept not their first estate but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains., the Prince of whom is called the Divel. Mat. 8. 28. And when he was come to the other side, into the Countrey of the Gergesens, there met him two possessed with Divels. and the great Dragon, and the old Serpent, and Satan, Rev. 12. 9. And the great Dragon was cast out, that old Serpent called the Divel, and Satan. and the accuser of our Brethren, Rev. 12. 10. And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, now is come salvation, for the accuser of our Brethren is cast down. and the Prince of this world, John 14. 30. Hereafter I will not talk much with you, for the Prince of this world cometh. and a Prince that ruleth in the air, a spirit working in the children of disobedience, Ephes. 2. 2. Wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the Prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. and our adversarie, 1 Pet. 5. 8. Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversarie the divel as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour, whose children the wicked are, Mat. 13. 39. John 8. 44. the tares are the children of the wicked one, the enemy that sowed them is the Divel: to him we ought not to give place, Ephe. 4. 27. whose power Christ hath overcome for us; Heb. 2. 14. For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same, that through death he might destroy

destroy him, that had the power of death, that is the Diuel. and for him and his Angels everlasting fire is prepared. Mat. 25. 41. Then shall he say unto them on the left hand, depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire. prepared for the Diuel and his Angels.

XXXIX.

That it is our assured expectation, grounded upon promises that the Lord Jesus Christ shall the second time appear without sin unto salvation, unto his people, to raise and change the vile Bodies of all his Saints, to fashion them like unto his glorious body, and so to reign with him, and judg over all Nations on the earth, in power and glory. Phil. 3. 20, 21. For our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Heb. 9. 28. And unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Acts 13. 19, 20, 21. that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord, and he shall send Jesus Christ which before was preached unto you, whom the heaven must receive untill the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy Prophets, since the world began. Mat. 19. 28. And Jesus said unto them verily I say unto you that ye that have followed me in the regeneration, when the son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit on twelve thrones

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judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Rev. 2. 26, 27.
And he that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the
end, to him will I give power over the Nations, and he
shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of a
potter shall they be broken to shivers, even as I recei-
ved of my Father, 1 Cor. 6. 2. Do ye not know that the
Saints shall judge the world. Psal. 72. 8, 11. He shall
have Dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River
unto the ends of the earth, yea all kings shall fall down
before him, all Nations shall serve him. Dan. 7. 27.
And the Kingdom and Dominion, and the greatness
of the Kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given
to the people of the saints of the most high: whose King-
dom is an everlasting Kingdom, and all dominions
shall serve and obey him. Zach. 14. 9. And the Lord
shall be King over all the earth, in that day shall there
be one Lord. and his name one, Psal. 2. 8, 9. Ask of
me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheri-
tance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy pos-
session; thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, thou
shalt dash them in pieces like a potters vessel. Jer. 23.
5, 6. Behold the day is come saith the Lord, that I
will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a King
shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and
justice in the earth, In his daies Judah shall be saved,
and Israel shall dwell safely, and this is his name where-
by he shall be called, the Lord our righteousness. Ezek.
21. 26, 27. Thus saith the Lord God, remove the diadem
and take of the Crown, this shall not be the same;
exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high, I will
overturn, overturn, overturn it, and it shall be no
more untill he come whose right it is, and I will give it
him

him. Isa. 32. 1. Behold a King shall reign in righteousness, And Princes shall rule in judgment. Rev. 11. 15. And the seventh Angel sounded, and there were great voices in heaven saying, the Kingdomes of the world are become the Kingdomes of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever. Psal. 82. 8. Arise O God, judge the earth for thou shalt inherit all Nations. Rev. 5. 9. 10. And they sung a new song saying, thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof, for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred and tongue, and people, and nation, and hast made us unto our God Kings and Priests, and we shall reign on the earth. Rev. 20. 6. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be Priests of God, and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

XL. That there is a day appointed, when the Lord shall raise the unjust as well as the righteous, and judg them all in righteousness, John 5. 28, 29. Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. Acts 24. 15. And have hope towards God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just, and unjust (but every man in his own order. 1 Cor. 15. 23. 1 Thes. 4. 16.) taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose punishment will be everlasting

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lasting destruction from the presence of the Lord. 2 Thes. 1. 7, 8, 9, 10. Jude, 14, 15. And Enoch also the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his Saints; to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly amongst them, of all their ungodly deeds, which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches, which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. Rev. 20. 11, 12, 13, 14. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them; and I saw the dead small and great stand before God, and the books were opened, and another book was opened which is the book of life, and the dead were judged of those things which were written in the books, according to their works; and the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man according to their works, and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire; this is the second death, and whosoever was not found written in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire.

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That there is a place into which the Lord will gather all his elect, to enjoy him for ever, usually in Scripture called heaven, 2 Cor. 5. 1. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God an house not made with hands, eternal in the heaven. John 14. 2, 3. In my Fathers house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you; I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come, &

gain, and receive you unto my self; that where I am there ye may be also.

XLII.

That there is a place into which the Lord will cast the Diuel, his Angels and wicked men to be tormented for ever from his presence and the glory of his power, usually in Scripture called hell. *Mark 9. 43, 44, 45.* And if thy hand offend thee cut it off, it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, then having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched, where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched; and if thy foot offend thee cut it off, it is better for thee to enter halt into life, then having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched. *Psal. 9. 17.* The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the Nations that forget God. *Mat. 25. 41.* Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the Diuel and his Angels. *Mat. 10. 28.* And fear not them, which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him, which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. *Mat. 23. 33.* Ye Serpents; ye generation of vipers; how can ye escape the damnation of hell. *Luke 10. 15.* And thou Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell. *Luke 16. 23.* And in hell he lift up his eyes being in torment.

XLIII.

That it is both the duty and priviledge of the Church of Christ (till his comming again) in their fellowship together in the Ordinances of Christ, to enjoy, prize and press after fellowship through and