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 caft the Divel, his Angels and wicked men to be tormen ted for ever from his prefence and the glory of his power, usually in Scripture called hell. Marky. 43; 44, 45. And if thy hand offend thee out 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 re 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 curfed into everlasting fire, prepared for the Divel and his Angels. Mat. 10.28. And fear not them, which kill the body, but are not able to kill the foul; but rather fear. him, which is able to deflive both fout 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; that be thrust down to hell. Luke 16. 23. And in hell he lift up his eyes being in torment. ved, we have a buildin Pf Do Xan houle not made with

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in the spirit with the Lord, and each with other, Acts ed an 2.42. And they continued stedfastly in the Apostles do-Etrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 1 Cor. 11.26. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lords death till he come. Ephe. 2. 21, 22. In whom all the builof ding fitly framed, groweth unto an holy Temple, in whom also ye are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit Ephe. 4.3,4, 5,6. Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, there is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one Faith, and one Bapti(m, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. I Cor. 12.13. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be fewes or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit; Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular. Ephe. 3.9. And to make all men see, what is the fellow hip of the mistery, which from the begining of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by fesus Christ. Col. 2. 2. That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto the riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mistery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ, which we believe to be attained through the exercise of faith, in the death refurrection and life of Christ. 2 Cor. 5 14. 15,16. For the love of Christ constraineth us, because we thus judg that if one died for all then were all dead that they which the live, should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto the which died for them, and rose again; wherefore henchforth ;

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henceforth know we no man after the flesh, yeathough we have known Christ after the slesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Col. 2.12. Buried with him in baptism, wherein ye also are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hathraifed him from the dead. Phil. 3.9,10,11. And be found in him not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith, that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any meanes I might attain anto the resurrection of the dead. I Pet 2. 5. Te also as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy Priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifice, acceptable to God by Fesus Christ.

That the Ministry of Civil Justice (being for the praise of them that do well, and punishment of evil doers) is an ordinance of God, and that it is the duty of the saints to be subject thereunto not only for fear, but for conscience sake, Rom . 13.1,2,3:4,5. Let very soul be subject unto the higher powers, for there is no power but of God, the powers that be are ordained of God, whosoever therefore resisteth the power, refifteth the ordinance of God, and they that refift shall receive to themselves damnation, for rulers are not a terrour to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then cordin not be afraid of the power, do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same, for he is the Minister of God to thee for good; but if thou do that which is efor not por ath ness upon these vill, be afraid, for he beareth not the sword in vain, for be is the Minister of God, arevenger to execute wrath

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of for That nothing doth come to pass by fortune or chance, but all things are disposed by the hand of God, & all for good to his people. Gen. 45.5. Nowtherefore be not grieved nor angry with your selves, that ye sold me hither, for God did fend me before you to preferve life. Gen. 50. 20. But as for you ye thought evillagainst me, but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass as it is this day, to save much people alive. Rom. 8.28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to his purpose. Ephe. 1. 11. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him, who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will. Job 14.5. Are not his daies determined, the number of his moneths are! with thee, thou hast appointed his Bounds which he cannot pass. Isa. 5. 7. I form the light, and create darkness, I make peace, and create evil, I the Lord dothall these things. XLVI

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TOTOLX L.VI.

And that a Church fo believing, and fo walking though dispised, and of low esteem, is no less in the account of her Lord and King, then though

Black, yet comely, Cant. 1.5. Fairest without spot, Cant. 4.7.

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Beautifull, Cant. 7.1. 1 . S. I . S. W. T. I Holy without blemish, Ephe. 5, 27.

Pleasant, Cant. 1. 15.

Whose soule loveth Christ, Cant. 1.7.

Runners after Christ, Cant. 1. 4.

Honourable, 1sa. 43. 4.

The desire of Christ, Cant. 7.10, 1100 and 1

Compleat in Christ, Col. 2. 10.1 In and contains

Lovers of the Father, John 16. 27. The bleffed of the Father, Mat. 25. 34.

Kept by the Lord, I Pet. 1.5. 16a. 27. 3.

Graven on the palms of his hands, 1sa. 49. 16.

Tender to the Lord as the apple of his eye, Zaco 2. 8.

Taught of the Lord, 1/a. 54. 13.

One that hath obtained mercy, I Pet. 2. 10.

One that hath a redemption, Ephe. 1.7.

The gates of hell shall not prevail against it, Mat. 16.18

In that Church be glory unto God by Fesus Christ, throughout all ages world without end Amen. Ephe. 3.21

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