II. The *Means* made Uſe of in Order to it, *viz.* the Appointment of certain Perſons to act in certain Offices and Stations for the Attainment of it. *He gave ſome Apoſtles, ſome Prophets*, &c. for this Purpoſe.

III. The Time intended for the Uſe and Continuance of the *Means* before-mentioned; even *till we all come* unto an *Unity of Faith*, and an Unity *of Knowledge of the Son of God*; (for ſo, I humbly conceive, the (*p*) Words ſhould be rendered, *till we* thus, I ſay, *come*) *unto a perfect Man, unto the Meaſure of the Stature of the Fulneſs of Chriſt.*

I. We are to conſider the *End* propounded by our Bleſſed Saviour, in vouchſafing the Gifts, here mentioned, to his Church; which, the Text hath inform'd us, was *Edifying* his *Body*.

That *he died for our Sins*, and *roſe again for our Juſtification*, did not, it ſeems, anſwer all the merciful Purpoſes of God concerning us; but what our Lord in his moving Addreſs to his Father before his Paſſion had asked for his Followers, ſoon after his Aſcenſion he was labouring to fulfil, even that they might be (*q*)

(*p*) Εἰς τὴν ἑνοτητα τῆς πίςεως καὶ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τῦ υἱῦ τῦ θεῦ, εἰς ἄνδρα τέλειον, εἰς μέτρον ἡλικίας τῦ πληρώματος τῦ χρισῦ.

(*q*) St. John xvii. 17.

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