

may worship him, serve him, and obey him, as we ought to do. And I pray unto God, that he will send us all things that be needful, both for our souls and bodies; and that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins; and that it will please him to save and defend us in all dangers, ghostly and bodily; and that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death. And this I trust he will do of his mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ; and therefore I say Amen, so be it.

*Q. How many sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?*

A. Two only, as generally necessary to salvation; that is to say, baptism, and the supper of the Lord.

*Q. What meanest thou by this word sacrament?*

A. I mean an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, given unto us, ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

*Q. How many parts are there in a sacrament?*

A. Two; the outward visible sign, and the inward spiritual grace.

*Q. What is the outward visible sign or form in baptism?*

A. Water, wherein the person is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*Q. What is the inward and spiritual grace?*

A. A death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness; for, being by nature born in sin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.

*Q. What is required of persons to be baptized?*

A. Repentance, whereby they forsake sin; and faith whereby they steadfastly believe the promises of God made to them in that sacrament.

*Q. Why then are infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform them?*

A. Because they promise them both by their sureties; which promise, when they come to age, themselves are bound to perform.

*Q. Why was the sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?*

A. For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

*Q. What is the outward part, or sign, of the Lord's Supper?*

A. Bread and wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

*Q. What is the inward part or thing signified?*

A. The body and blood of Christ, which are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

*Q. What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?*

A. The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the body and blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the bread and wine.

*Q. What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper?*

A. To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins; steadfastly purposing to lead a new life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death, and be in charity with all men.