

THE
PRINCIPLES
OF THE
Doctrine of Christ :

Unfolded in two short
CATECHISMES,

Wherein those Principles of Religion are explained, the Knowledge whereof is required by the late Ordinance of Parliament, before any Person be admitted to the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

For the use of several Congregations.

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*Come ye Children, hearken unto me, I will teach you
the Fear of the Lord. Psal. 34. 11.*

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TO

My loving Neighbours and Christian Friends.

Brethren,

MY hearts desire and request unto God for you is, that ye may be saved: I say the Truth in Christ also, I lye not, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great Heaviness, and continual Sorrow in my Heart, for them amongst you, who as yet walk disorderly, and not as becometh the Gospel, little labouring to acquaint themselves with the Mystery of Godliness; for many walk, of whom I have told you often weeping, and now tell you again with Sorrow, that they are the Enemies of the Cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose God is their Belly, who mind earthly things. You know (Brethren) how I have been amongst you, and in what manner, for these few years past; and how I have kept back nothing (to the utmost of the dispensation to me committed) that was profitable unto you; but have shewed you and taught you publicly, and from House to House, testifying to all, Repentance towards God, and Faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ. Now with what Sincerity this hath been by me performed; with what Issue and Success by you received, God the righteous Judge will one Day declare; for before him, must both you and I appear, to give an account of the dispensation of the glorious Gospel amongst us: in the mean while, the desire of my Heart is, to be Servant to the least of you in the Work of the Lord. And that in any way, which I can conceive profitable unto you either in your Persons or your Families. Now amongst my Indeavours in this kind, after the Ordinance of Publick Preaching the Word, there is not, I conceive, any more needful, (as all will grant that know the Estate of this Place, how taught of late days, how full of

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grossly ignorant Persons) then Catechising, which hath caused me to set aside some Hours for the compiling of these following, which also I have procured to be printed meerly because the least part of the Parish are able to read it in Writing, my Intention in them being, principally, to hold out those necessary Truths, wherein you have been in my Preaching more fully instructed: as they are, the use of them I shall briefly present unto you.

1. The lesser Catechism may be so learned of the younger sort, that they may be ready to answer to every Question thereof.

2. The greater will call to mind much of what hath been taught you in publick, especially concerning the Person and Offices of Jesus Christ.

3. Out of that you may have help to instruct your Families in the lesser, being so framed for the most part, that a Chapter of the one, is spent in unfolding a Question of the other.

4. The texts of Scripture quoted, are diligently to be sought out and pondered, that you may know indeed whether these things are so.

5. In reading the Word, you may have light into the meaning of many places, by considering what they are produced to Confirm.

6. I have been sparing in the Doctrine of the Sacraments, because I have already been so frequent in examinations about them.

7. The handling of moral Duties I have wholly omitted, because by God's assistance I intend for you a brief Explication of the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, with some Articles of the Creed, not unfolded in these, by themselves, by the way of Question and Answer.

Now in all this as the pains hath been mine, so I pray that the Benefit may be yours, and the Praise his, to whom alone any good, that is in this or any thing else, is to be ascribed. Now the God of Heaven continue that Peace, Love, and Unity amongst our selves, which hitherto hath been unshaken, in these divided Times, and grant that the Scepter and Kingdom of his Son may be gloriously advanced in your hearts, that the things which concern your Peace may not be hidden from your eyes in this your day: which is the daily Prayer of

From my Study,
Septem. the last.

Your Servant in the work
of the Lord,

THE Lesser Catechism.

Question,

W Hence is all Truth concerning God, and our selves to be learned? Chap. 1. Of the Greater.

Answer. From the Holy Scripture, the Word of God.

Q. What do the Scriptures teach that God is? Chap. 2.

A. An eternal, infinite, most holy Spirit, giving Being to all things, and doing with them whatsoever He pleaseth.

Q. Is there but one God?

Chap. 3.

A. One onely, in respect of his Essence, and Being, but one in three distinct Persons, of Father Son, and Holy Ghost.

Q. What else is held forth in the Word concerning God, that we ought to know? Chap. 4.

A. His Decrees, and his Works.

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Q. What

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Q. What are the Decrees of God concerning us?

A. His eternal purposes, of saving some by Jesus Christ, for the Praise of his Glory; and of condemning others for their Sins.

Chap. 5. 6.

Q. What are the Works of God?

A. Acts or Doings of his Power, whereby He createth, sustaineth, and governeth all things.

Chap. 7.

Q. What is required from us towards Almighty God?

A. Holy and spiritual obedience, according to his Law given unto us.

Chap. 8.

Q. Are we able to do this of our selves?

A. No, in no wise, being by nature unto every good Work reprobate.

Q. How came we into this Estate, being at the first created in the image of God, in righteousness and innocency?

A. By the fall of our first Parents, breaking the Covenant of God, losing his Grace and deserving his Curse.

Chap. 9.

Q. By what way may we be delivered from this miserable Estate.

A. Onely by Jesus Christ.

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Q. What is Jesus Christ?

Chap. 10.

A. God and Man united in one Person, to be a Mediator between God and Man.

Q. What is He unto us?

A. A King, a Priest, & a Prophet.

Q. Wherein doth he exercise his Chap. 11.

Kingly Power towards us?

A. In converting us unto God by his Spirit, subduing us unto his obedience, and ruling in us by his Grace.

Q. In what doth the exercise of his Chap. 12.

Priestly Office for us chiefly consist?

A. In offering up himself an acceptable sacrifice on the cross, to satisfy the justice of God for our Sins, removing his curse from our Persons, and bringing us unto him.

Q. Wherein doth Christ exercise Chap. 13.

his propheticall Office towards us?

A. In revealing to our Hearts, from the bosome of his Father, the way, and truth, whereby we must come unto him.

Q. For whose sake doth Christ Chap. 14.

perform all these?

A. Onely for his Elect.

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Chap. 15.

Q. In what condition doth Jesus Christ exercise these Offices?

A. He did in a low Estate of humiliation on Earth, but now in a glorious Estate of exaltation in Heaven.

Chap. 16.

Q. What is the Church of Christ?

A. The universal company of God's Elect, called to the adoption of Children.

Chap. 17.

Q. How come we to be Members of this Church?

A. By a lively Faith.

Q. What is a lively Faith?

A. An assured resting of the Soul upon God's promises of mercy in Jesus Christ, for pardon of Sins here, and Glory hereafter.

Chap. 18.

Q. How come we to have this faith?

A. By the effectual working of the Spirit of God in our hearts, freely calling us from the state of Nature, to the state of Grace.

Chap. 19.

Q. Are we accounted Righteous for our Faith?

A. No, but only for the righteousness of Christ, freely imputed unto us, and laid hold of by Faith.

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Q. 1. Is there no more required of us, but Faith onely? Chap. 20.

A. Yes, Repentance also, and Holiness.

Q. 2. What is Repentance?

A. A forsaking of all Sin, with Godly sorrow for what we have committed.

Q. 3. What is that Holiness which is required of us?

A. Universal obedience to the will of God revealed unto us.

Q. What are the privileges of believers? Chap. 21.

A. First, Union with Christ; secondly, Adoption of Children; thirdly, Communion of Saints; fourthly, right to the Seals of the new Covenant; fifthly, Christian liberty; sixthly, Resurrection of the body to Life eternal.

Q. 1. What are the Sacraments, or Seals of the new Covenant? Chap. 22.

A. Visible Seals of God's spiritual Promises, made unto us in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Q. 2. Which be they?

A. Baptism and the Lords Supper.

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Chap. 23.

Q. What is Baptisme?

A. An holy Ordinance, where-
by being sprinkled with Water ac-
cording to Christs institution, we
are by his Grace made Children of
God, and have the promises of the
Covenant sealed unto us.

Chap. 24.

Q. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. An holy Ordinance of Christ
appointed to communicate unto
Believers, his Body and Blood spi-
ritually, being represented by
Bread and Wine, blessed, broken,
powred out, and received of them.

*Q. 2. Who have a right unto this
Sacrament?*

A. They only who have an in-
terest in Jesus Christ by Faith.

Chap. 25.

*Q. What is the Communion of
Saints?*

A. An holy Conjunction be-
tween all Gods People, Partakers
of the same Spirit, and Members
of the same mystical Body.

*Q. What is the end of all this
Dispensation?*

A. The Glory of God in our
Salvation.

Glory be to God on high.

THE

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CHAP. I.

Of the Scripture.

Question I.

What is Christian Religion?

A. The only (a) way of
(1. 2.) knowing God aright, and
(b) living unto him. (a) *Joh. 14.*
5. ch. 17 3. Act. 4. 12. (b) Col.
1. 10. 2. Cor. 5. 15. Gal. 2. 19, 20.

Q. 2. Whence is it to be learned?

A. From the holy (3) Scripture
onely. *Isa. 8. 20. Joh. 5. 39.*

Q. 3. What is the Scripture?

A. The books of the (a) Old, &
(b) New (4. 5. 6.) Testament, (c)
given by inspiration from God,
containing all things necessary to
be believed and done, that God

(1) Every one
out of this way
everlastingly
damned.

(2) The Life of
Religion is in
the Life.

(3) Popish tra-
ditions are false
Lights leading
from God.

(4) The Au-
thority of the
Scripture de-
pendeth not on
the Authority
of the Church,
as the Papists
blaspheme.

(5) All hu-
mane inventi-
ons, unnecessa-
ry helps in the
worship of
God..

(6) The word
thereof is the
sole directory
for Faith,
Worship, and
may Life.

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may be worshipped and our Souls saved. (a) *Isa.* 8. 20. *Rom.* 3. 2. (b) *Rev.* 22. 19, 20. (c) 2 *Tim.* 2. 16, 17. *Psal.* 19. 7, 8. *Jer.* 7. 31. *Joh.* 20. 31.

Q. 4. *How know you them to be the word of God?*

A. By the (a) testimony (7) of God's Spirit, working Faith in my heart, to close with that (b) heavenly Majesty, and clear divine truth, that shineth in them. (a) *Matth.* 16. 17. *Joh.* 16. 13. 1 *Thess.* 2. 13. 1 *Joh.* 2. 20. 1 *Joh.* 5. 6. (b) *Luk.* 24. 32. 1 *Cor.* 2. 14. *Heb.* 4. 12. 2 *Pet.* 1. 19. and unanswerable Arguments to prove the Truth of them: as, 1. their antiquity; 2 preservation from Fury; 3 Prophecies in them; 4 the Holiness and Majesty of their Doctrine, agreeable to the Nature of God; 5 Miracles. 6 the Testimony of the Church of all Ages; 7 the Blood of innumerable Martyrs, &c.

CHAP. II.

Of God.

Q. 1. *What do the Scriptures teach concerning God?*

A. First, what he is, or his Nature; Secondly, what he doth, or his Works. *Exod.* 3. 14. *Isa.* 45. 6. *Heb.* 1. 1, 2, 3. *Heb.* 11. 6.

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Q. 2. *What is God in himself?*

A. An (a) eternal (b) infinite, (c) (1) The perfection of Gods Being is known of us chiefly by removing all imperfections. (1, 2, 3,) incomprehensible (d) spirit, (e) giving being to all things, and doing with them whatsoever he pleaseth, (a) *Deut.* 33. 37. *Isa.* 57. 15. *Revel.* 1. 8. (b) 1 *King.* 8. 27. *Psal.* 139. 2, 3, 4, 5. &c (c) *Exod.* 32. 20. 1 *Tim.* 6. 16. (d) *Joh.* 4. 24. (e) *Gen.* 1. 1. *Psal.* 115. 3. & 135. 6. *Isa.* 46. 10. *Joh.* 5. 17. *Heb.* 1. 2.

Q. 3. *Do we here know God as he is?*

A. No his glorious being is not of us, in this Life to be comprehended. *Exod.* 33. 23. 1 *Cor.* 13. 12. (2) Hence, the abominable vanity of Idolaters and of the Blatphemous Papists that picture God. (3) Let us prostrate ourselves in holy adoration of that which we cannot comprehend.

Q. 4. *Whereby is God chiefly made known unto us in the Word?*

A. First, by his (f) Names, Secondly, by his (g) Attributes, or Properties. (f) *Exod.* 3. 14. *ch.* 6. 3. *Psa.* 83. 18. (g) *Exo.* 34. 6, 7. *Mat.* 5. 48.

Q. 5. *What are the Names of God?*

A. Glorious Titles, which he (4) (4) The divers names of God, hath given himself, to hold forth his excellencies unto us, with some signifie one and the same thing, but under divers notions, in respect of our Conception.

Q. 6. Conception.

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Q. 6. What are the Attributes of God?

A. His infinite perfections, in being and working. *Revelat. 4. 8, 9, 10, 11.*

Q. 7. What are the chief Attributes of his Being?

A. (a) Eternity, (b) infiniteness, (c) simplicity, (d) or purity, (e) all-sufficiency, (f) perfectness, (g) immutability, (h) life, (i) will, and (j) understanding. (a) *Deut. 33. 37. Psal. 93. 2. Esa. 57. 15. Revel. 1. 11. b) 1 King. 8. 27. Psal. 139. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9. c) Exod. 3. 14. d) Gen. 17. 1. Psal. 135. 4, 5. e) Job. 11. 7, 8, 9. Rom. 11. 33, 34, 35, 36. f) Mal. 3. 6. Jam. 1. 17. g) Judg. 8. 19. 1 Sam. 25. 34. 2 King. 3. 14. Ezek. 14. 16. & 16. 48. Matth. 16. 16. Act. 24. 15. 1 Thes. 1. 9. h) Dan. 11. 3. Esa. 46. 10. Ephes. 1. 5. 11. Jam. 1. 18. i) Psal. 7. 2. & 139. 2. & 147. 4. Jer. 11. 20. Heb. 4. 13. Fear, self-Abhorrency, the other, to Faith, Hope, Love, and Confidence through Jesus Christ.*

Q. 8. What are the Attributes which usually are ascribed to him in his Works, or the Acts of his Will?

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A. (h) Goodness, (l) Power, (m) (3, 4,) Justice, (n) Mercy, (o) Holiness, (p) Wisdom, and the like, which he delighteth to exercise towards his Creatures, for the Praise of his Glory. (k) *Psal. 119. 68. Mat. 19. 17. l) Exod. 15. 11. Psal. 62. 10. Revel. 19. 1. m) Zeph. 3. 5. Psal. 11. 7. Jerem. 12. 1. Rom. 1. 30. n) Psal. 130. 7. Rom. 9. 15. Ephes. 2. 4. o) (4) These last Exod. 15. 11. Josh. 24. 19. Hab. 1. 13. Revel. 4. 8. p) Rom. 11. 33. & 16. 17.* (3.) Nothing is to be ascribed unto God, nor imagined of him, but what is exactly agreeable to those his glorious properties. (4.) These last are no less essential unto God than the former, onely we thus distinguish them, because these are chiefly seen in his Works.

CHAP. III.

Of the Holy Trinity.

Q. 1. Is there but one God to whom these Properties do belong?

A. (a) One onely, in respect of his Essence and Being, but one (b) in three distinct Persons, of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (a) *Deut. 6. 4. Matth. 19. 17. Ephes. 4. 5, 6. b) Gen. 1. 7. 1 Job. 5. 7. Matth. 28. 19.*

Q. 2. What mean you by Person?

A.

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(1) This is that mysterious Ark that must not be pryed into, nor the least tittle spoken about it, wherein plain Scripture goeth not before. (2) To deny the Deity of any one Person, is in effect to deny the whole God-head, for whosoever hath not the Son, hath not the Father. (3) This onely Doctrine remained undefiled in the Papacy.

Q. 3. *What is the distinguishing property of the Person of the Father?*

A. To be of himself onely, the fountain of the God-head. *Joh. 5. 26, 27. Ephes. 1. 3.*

Q. 4. *What is the property of the Son?*

A. To be begotten of his Father, from eternity. *Psal. 2. 7. Joh. 1. 14. and 3. 16.*

Q. 5. *What of the Holy Ghost?*

A. To proceed from the Father and the Son. *Joh. 14. 17. & 16. 14. and 15. 26. and 20. 22.*

Q. 6. *Are these three one?*

A. One (a) every way, in Nature, Will, and Essential properties. (b) distinguished onely in their personal manner of subsistence (a) *Ioh. 10. 30. Rom. 3. 30. (b) Ioh. 15. 26. 1 Ioh. 5. 7.*

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Q. 7. *Can we conceive these things as they are in themselves?*

A. Neither (a) we, nor yet the (b) Angels (4) of Heaven, are at all able to dive into these secrets, as they are internally in God; (c) but in respect of the outward dispensation of themselves, to us, by Creation, Redemption, and Sanctification, a knowledge may be attained of these things, saving, and heavenly. (a)

1 Tim. 6. 16. (b) Esa. 6. 2, 3. (c) Col. 1. 11, 12, 13, 14.

(4) We must labour to make out comfort from the proper work of every Person towards us.

CHAP. IV.

Of the Works of God, and First, of those that are internal and immanent.

Q. 1. *What do the Scriptures teach concerning the Works of God?*

A. That they are of two sorts; first, internal (1) in his Counsel, Decrees, and purposes towards his Creatures; secondly, external, in his Works, over and about them, to the praise of his own glory. *Act. 15. 18. Prov. 16. 4.*

(1) The purposes and decrees of God, so far as by him revealed, are objects of our faith, and full of comfort.

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Q. 2.

Q. 2. *What are the decrees of God?*

A. (a) Eternal, (b) unchangeable purposes (2, 3, 4) of his will, concerning the being, and well-being of his Creatures. (a) *Mich.* 5. 2. *Ephes.* 3. 9. *Act.* 15. 18. (b) *Esa.* 14. 24. *Esa.* 46. 10. *Rom.* 9. 12. 2 *Tim.* 2. 19.

(2) Further reasons of God's decrees than his own will, not to be enquired after. (3) The changes in the Scripture ascribed unto God, are onely in the outward dispensations and works, variously tending to one infallible event, by him proposed. (4) The *Arminians* blasphemy in saying, God sometimes fails of his purposes

Q. 3. *Concerning which of his Creatures chiefly are his decrees to be considered?*

A. Angels, and Men, for whom other things were ordained. 1 *Tim.* 5. 21. *Jud.* 6.

Q. 4. *What are the decrees of God concerning men?*

A. Election, and Reprobation. *Rom.* 9. 11, 12.

Q. 5. *What is the decree of election?*

A. The (a) eternal, (b) free, (c) immutable (5, 6) purpose of God, (d) whereby in Jesus Christ, he chooseth unto himself, whom he pleaseth,

(6) I. nothing doth natural corruption more exalt it self against God, then in opposing the freedom of his grace in his eternal decrees.

seth,

seth, out of (e) whole mankind, determining to bestow upon them, for his sake, (f) grace here, and everlasting happiness hereafter, for the praise of his Glory, by the way of Mercy (a) *Eph.* 1. 4. *Act.* 13. 48. *Rom.* 8. 29, 30. (b) *Mat.* 11. 26. (c) 2 *Tim.* 2. 19. (d) *Ephes.* 1. 4, 5. *Mat.* 22. 14. (e) *Rom.* 9. 18, 19, 20, 21. (f) *Joh.* 6. 37. & chap. 17. 6. 9. 10. 24.

Q. 6. *Doth any thing in us move the Lord thus to chuse us from amongst others?*

A. No, in no wise, we are in the same lump with others rejected, when separated by his undeserved Grace. *Rom.* 9. 11, 12. *Matth.* 11. 25. 1 *Cor.* 4. 7. 2 *Tim.* 1. 9.

Q. 7. *What is the decree of Reprobation?*

A. The eternal purpose of God, to suffer many to sin, leave them in their sin, and not giving them to Christ, to punish them for their sin. *Rom.* 9. 11, 12. 21, 22. *Prov.* 16. 4. *Mat.* 11. 25, 26. 2 *Pet.* 2. 12. *Jude* 4.

From the execution of these decrees, flows that variety and difference, we see in the dispensation of the means of Grace, God sending the Gospel where he hath a remnant according to Election.

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Of the works of God that outwardly are of him.

Q. 1. What are the works of God, that outwardly respect his Creatures?

A. First, of Creation; secondly, of (1) actual providence. *Psal. 33. 9. Heb. 1. 2, 3.*

(1) The very outward works of God are sufficient to convince men of his eternal power & God-head, and to leave them inexcusable, if they serve him not.

Q. 2. What is the work of Creation?

A. An act or work of God's Almighty power, whereby of nothing, in six days, he created Heaven, Earth, and the Sea, with all things in them contained, *Gen. 1. 1. Exod. 20. 11. Prov. 16. 4.*

Q. 3. Wherefore did God make man?

A. For his own glory in his service (2, 3) and obedience, *Gen. 1. 26, 27. & 2. 16, 17. Rom. 9. 23.*

(2) The glory of God is to be preferred above our own, either being, or well-being, as the Supream end of them.

(3) The approaching unto God in his Service, is the chief exaltation of our Nature above the beasts that perish.

Q. 4. Was man able to yield the service and worship that God required of him?

A. Yea, to the uttermost, being created upright in the Image of God.

God, in purity, innocence, righteousness and holiness, *Gen. 1. 26. Eccles. 7. 29. Ephes. 4. 24. Col. 3. 10.*

Q. 5. What was the rule, whereby Man was at first to be directed in his obedience?

A. The Moral, or eternal Law (4) God never allowed from of (4) God implanted in his Nature, and written in his heart, by the beginning, creation, being the tenor of the Covenant between God and him, Sacramentally typified by the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil, *Gen. 2. 15, 16, 17. Rom. 2. 14, 15. Ephes. 4. 24.*

Q. 6. Do we stand in the same Covenant still, and have we the same power to yield obedience unto God?

A. No, the (a) Covenant was (5) broken by the Sin of Adam, with whom it was made, (b) our nature corrupted, (c) and all power to do good utterly lost. (a) *Gen. 3. 16, 17. 18. Gal. 3. 10, 11. 21. Heb. 7. 19. & 8. 13. (b) Joh. 14. 4. Psal. 51. 5. (c) Gen. 6. 5. Jer. 13. 23.*

(5) Though we have all lost our right unto the promise of the first Covenant, yet all not restored by Christ, are under the condemnation and curse thereof.

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Of Gods actual providence.

Q. 1. What is Gods actual providence?

A. The effectual working of his (1,2,3) Power, and Almighty Act of his Will, whereby he sustaineth, governeth, and disposeth of all things, Men, and their Actions, to the ends which he hath ordained for them, *Exod. 4. 11. Job 5. 10, 11, 12. & 9. 5, 6. Psal. 147. 4. Prov. 15. 3. Esa. 45. 6, 7. Job. 5. 17. Act. 17. 28. Heb. 1. 3.*

(1) To this Providence is to be ascribed all the good we do enjoy, and all the afflictions we undergoe. (2) Fortune, Chance, & the like, are names without things, scarce fit to be used among Christians, seeing Providence certainly ruleth all to appointed ends. (3) No free-will in man, exempted either from the eternal decree, or the overruling Providence of God.

Q. 2. How is this providence exercised towards Mankind?

A. Two wayes: first, (a) peculiarly towards his Church, or Elect, in their generations, for whom are all things: secondly, (b) towards all in a general manner; yet with various and divers dispensations. (a) *Deut. 32. 10. Psal. 17. 8. Zech. 2. 8. Mat. 16. 18. & 19. 2. 29. 1 Pet. 5. 7. (b) Gen. 9. 5. Psal.*

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Psal. 75. 6, 7. Esa. 45. 6. Mat. 5. 45.

Q. 3. Wherein chiefly consists the outward providence of God towards his Church?

A. In three things, first, in (a) (4) Though causing all (4) things to work together for their good, secondly, in (b) ruling and disposing of Kingdoms, Nations, and Persons, for their benefit; thirdly, (c) in avenging them of their adversaries, (a) *Mat. 6. 31, 32, 33. Rom. 8. 28. 1 Tim. 6. 16. 2 Pet. 1. 3. (b) Psal. 105. 14, 15. Esa. 44. 28. Dan. 2. 44. Rom. 9. 17. (c) Esa. 60. 12. Zech. 12. 2, 3, 4, 5. Luk. 18. 7. Revel. 17. 14.*

Q. 4. Doth God rule also in and over the sinful actions of wicked men?

A. Yea, he willingly (according (5) to his determinate Counsel) (5) Almighty God knows how to bring Light out of Darkness, Good out of Evil, the Salvation of his Elect, out of Judas treachery, the Jews Cruelty, and Pilars Injustice. suffereth them to be, for the manifestation of his Glory, and by them effecteth his own righteous ends, *2 Sam. 12. 11 & 16. 10. 1 Kin. 11. 31. & 22. 22. Job 1. 21. Prov. 22. 14. Esa. 10. 6, 7. Ezek. 21. 19, 20, 21. Amos 7. 17. Act. 4. 27, 28. Rom. 1. 24. & 9. 22. 1 Pet. 2. 8. Revel. 17. 17.*

Q. 5. Doth the providence of God extend

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extend it self to every small thing ?

A. The least Grass of the Field, hair of our Heads, or Worm of the Earth, is not exempted from his knowledge and care, *Job 39. Psal. 104. 21. & 145. 15. Jonah 4. 7. Mat. 6. 26, 27, 28, 29. & 10. 29. 30.*

C H A P. VII.

Of the Law of God.

Q. 1. Which is the Law that God gave man at first to fulfill ?

A. The same which was afterwards (1) written with the finger of God in two Tables of Stone on Mount Horeb, called the ten Commandments, *Rom. 2. 14, 15.*

Q. 2. Is the observation of this Law still required of us ?

A. Yes, to the uttermost tittle, *Mat. 5. 17. 1 Joh. 3. 4. Rom. 3. 31. Jam. 2. 8. Gal. 3.*

Q. 3. Are we able of our selves to (2, 3) perform it ?

A. No. (1) This Law of God bindeth us now, not because delivered to the Jews on Mount Horeb, but because written in the hearts of all by the finger of God at the first. (2) After the fall, the Law ceased to be a rule of Justification, and became a rule for Sanctification only. (3) It is of free Grace that God giveth power to yield any obedience, and accepteth of any obedience that is not perfect.

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A. No, in no wise, the Law is spiritual, but we are carnal, *1 King. 8. 46. Gen. 5. 6. Joh. 15. 5. Rom. 7. 11. and 8. 7. 1 Joh. 1. 8.*

Q. 4. Did then God give a Law which could not be kept ?

A. No, when God gave it, we had power to keep it, which since we have lost in Adam, *Gen. 1. 26. Ephes. 7. 29. Rom. 5. 12.*

Q. 5. Whereto then doth the Law now serve ?

A. For two general ends, first, (a) to be a rule of our Duty, or to discover to us the obedience of God required; secondly, (b) to drive us unto Christ. (a) *Psal. 11. 9. 5. 1 Tim. 1. 8, 9. (b) Gal. 3. 24.*

Q. 6. How doth the Law drive us unto Christ ?

A. Divers ways, as first, (a) by laying open unto us the utter disability of our Nature, to do any good; secondly, (b) by charging the wrath and curse of God, due to Sin, upon the Conscience; thirdly, (c) by bringing the whole Soul under bondage to Sin, death, Satan, and Hell, so making us long and seek for

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for a Saviour. (a) *Rom.* 7. 7, 8, 9. *Gal.* 3. 19. (b) *Rom.* 3. 19, 20. & 4. 15. & 5. 20. *Gal.* 3. 10. (c) *Gal.* 3. 22. *Heb.* 2. 15.

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Of the state of corrupted Nature.

Q. 1. How came this weakness and disability upon us?

A. By the sin, and (1) shameful fall of our first Parents, *Rom.* 5. 12. (1) This is that which commonly is called Original sin,

which in general denoteth the whole misery and corruption of our Nature, as first, the guilt of *Adams* actual sin to us imputed; secondly, loss of Gods glorious Image, Innocency, and Holiness; thirdly, deriving by propagation a nature, 1. defiled with the Pollution; 2. laden with the Guilt; 3. subdued to the Power of Sin; 4. a being exposed to all temporal Miseries, leading to, and procuring Death; 5. an Alienation from God, with voluntary Obedience to Satan, and lust; 6. an utter disability to good, or to labour for Mercy; 7. eternal Damnation of Body and Soul in Hell.

Q. 2. Wherein did that hurt us their Posterity?

A. Divers wayes; first, (a) in that we were all guilty of the same breach of Covenant with *Adam*, being all in him; secondly, (b) our Souls

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Souls with his were deprived of that Holiness, Innocency, and righteousness wherein they were at first created; thirdly, (c) pollution and defilement of Nature came upon us, with, fourthly, (d) an extream disability of doing any thing that is well-pleasing unto God; (e) by all which, we are made obnoxious to the curse. (a) *Joh.* 3. 36. *Rom.* 5. 12. *Ephes.* 2. 3. (b) *Gen.* 3. 10. *Ephes.* 4. 23, 24. *Col.* 3. 10. (c) *Joh.* 14. 4. *Psal.* 51. 7. *Joh.* 3. 6. *Rom.* 3. 13. (d) *Gen.* 6. 5. *Ephes.* 2. 1. *Jer.* 6. 16. & 13. 23. *Rom.* 8. 7. (e) *Gen.* 3. 17. *Gal.* 3. 10.

Q. 3. Wherein doth the curse of God consist?

A. In divers things: first, (a) in the (2) guilt of Death, temporal and eternal; secondly, (b) the loss of the Grace and Favour of God; thirdly, (c) Guilt and Horror of Conscience, despair and anguish here, with, fourthly, eternal damnation hereafter. (a) *Gen.* 2. 17. *Rom.* 1. 18. & 5. 12. 17. *Ephes.* 2. 3. (b) *Gen.* 3. 24. *Ezek.* 16. 3, 4, 5. *Ephes.* 2. 13. (c) *Gen.* 3. 10. *Esa.* 48. 22. *Rom.* 3. 9, 19. *Gal.* 3. 22. (d) *Gen.* 3. 10. 13. *Joh.* 3. 36.

(2) All that a natural Man hath on this side hell, is free Mercy.

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Q. 4. Are all men born in this estate?

A. Everyone without exception, Psal. 51. 7. Esa. 53. 5. Rom. 3. 9. 12. Ephes. 2. 3.

Q. 5. And do they continue therein?

(3) The end of this is Jesus Christ, to all that flye for refuge to the hope set before them.

A. Of themselves (3) they cannot otherwise do, being able neither to (a) know, or (b) will, nor (c) do any thing that is spiritually good, and pleasing unto God. (a) Act. 8. 31. & 16. 14. 1 Cor. 2. 14. Ephes. 5. 8. Job. 1. 5. (b) Jer. 6. 16. & 13. 2, 3. Luk. 4. 18. Rom. 6. 16. & 8. 7. (c) Job. 6. 44. 2 Cor. 3. 5.

Q. 6. Have they then no way of themselves to escape the curse and wrath of God?

A. None at all, they can neither satisfy his Justice, nor fulfill his Law.

CHAP. IX.

Of the Incarnation of Christ.

Q. 1. Shall all mankind then everlastingly perish?

A. No, God of his free grace hath prepared a way, to redeem and save his

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his Elect. Job. 3. 16. Esa. 53. 6.

Q. 2. What way was this?

A. By sending his own Son (1) (1) This is that great Mystery of Godliness, that the Angels themselves admire: the most transcendent expression of Gods infinite love: the laying forth of all the treasure of his Wisdom and Goodness.

Q. 3. Who is this you call his own Son?

A. The second Person of the Trinity, co-eternal, and of the same Deity with his Father, Job. 1. 14. Rom. 1. 3. Gal. 4. 4. 1 Joh. 1. 1.

Q. 4. How did God send him?

A. By causing him to be made flesh of a pure Virgin, and to dwell among us, that he might be obedient unto death, the death of the Cross, Esa. 50. 6. Job. 1. 14. Luk. 1. 35. Phil. 2. 8. 1 Tim. 6. 16.

CHAP. X.

Of the Person of Jesus Christ.

Q. 1. What doth the Scripture teach us of Jesus Christ?

A.

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(1) Though our Saviour Christ be one God with his Father; he is not one Person with him. (2) Jesus Christ is God and Man in one, not a God, and a Man: God incarnate, not a man Deified.

Q. 2. *What doth it teach of his Person?*

A. That he is truly God, and perfect man, partaker of the natures of God and man in one Person, between whom he is a Mediator, *Joh. 1. 14. Heb. 2. 14, 15. Ephe. 4. 5. 1 Tim. 2. 5. 1 Joh. 1. 1.*

Q. 3. *How prove you Jesus Christ to be truly God?*

3 The essential properties of either Nature, remain in his Person theirs still, not communicated unto the other, as of the Deity to be eternal, every where, of the Humanity to be born and dye.

A. Divers wayes; first, by places of Scripture speaking of the great God Jehovah, in the Old Testament, applied to our Saviour in the New, as, *Numb. 21. 5, 6. in 1 Cor. 10. 9. Psal. 102. 24, 25. in Heb. 1. 10. Esa. 6. 2, 3, 4. in Joh. 12. 40, 41. Esa. 8. 13, 14. in Luk. 2. 34. Rom. 9. 33. Esa. 40. 3, 4. in Joh. 1. Esa. 45. 22, 23. in Rom. 14. 11. Phil. 2. 8. Mal. 3. 1. in Matth. 11. 10.*

Secondly, By the works of the Deity

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Deity ascribed unto him, as first, of Creation, *Joh. 1. 3. 1 Cor. 8. 6. Heb. 1. 21.* secondly, of preservation in providence, *Heb. 1. 3. Joh. 5. 17.* thirdly, Miracles.

Thirdly, By the essential attributes of God, being ascribed unto him; as first, immensity, *Mat. 28. 20. Joh. 14. 23. Ephe. 3. 17.* secondly, Eternity, *Joh. 1. 1. Revel. 1. 11. Mich. 5. 2.* thirdly, Immutability, *Heb. 1. 11, 12.* fourthly, Omniscience, *Joh. 21. 17. Revel. 2. 23.* fifthly, Majesty and Glory equal to his Father, *Joh. 5. 23. Revel. 5. 13. Phil. 1. 2. 6. 9, 10.*

Fourthly, By the Names given unto him; as first, of God expressly, *Joh. 1. 1. & 20. 28. Act. 20. 28. Rom. 9. 5. Phil. 2. 6. Heb. 1. 8. 1 Tim. 3. 16.* secondly, of the Son of God, *Joh. 1. 18. Rom. 8. 3. &c.*

Q. 4. *Was it necessary that our Redeemer should be God?*

A. Yes, that he might be able to save to the uttermost, and to satisfy the wrath of his Father, which no creature could perform. *Esa. 43. 25. & 53. 6. Dan. 9. 17. 19.*

Q. 5.

4 What ever may be said of either Nature, may be said of his whole Person: So God may be said to die, but not the God-head, the man Christ to be every where but not his humanity, for his one Person is all this.

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Q. 5. How prove you that he was a perfect man?

The monstrous figment of transubstantiation, or Christ's corporal presence in the Sacrament, fully overthrows our Saviour's humane nature, and makes him a meer shadow. All natural properties are double in Christ, as will, &c. still distinct, all personal, as subsistence, single.

A. First, by the Prophecies that went before, that so he should be, *Gen. 3. 15. & 18. 18.*

Secondly, by the relation of their accomplishment, *Mat. 1. 1. Rom. 1. 4. Gal. 4. 4.*

Thirdly, by the Scriptures, assigning to him those things, which are required to a perfect man; as first, a Body, *Luk. 24. 39. Heb. 2. 17. & 10. 5. 1 Joh. 1. 1.* secondly, a Soul, *Matth. 26. 39. Mark. 14. 34.* and therein, first, a Will, *Mat. 26. 39.* secondly, Affections, *Mat. 3. 5. Luk. 10. 21.* thirdly, Indowments, *Luk. 2. 52.*

Fourthly, general infirmities of nature, *Mat. 4. 2. Joh. 4. 6. Heb. 2. 18.*

Q. 6. Wherefore was our Redeemer to be Man?

A. That the nature which had offended, might suffer, and make satisfaction, and so he might be every way a fit and sufficient Saviour for men, *Heb. 2. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.*

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Of the Offices of Christ, and First of his Kingly.

Q. 1. How many are the Offices of Jesus Christ?

A. Three; first, of a (a) King; Secondly, (b) a (1, 2) Priest; Thirdly, a (c) Prophet. (a) *Psal. 2. 6. (b) Psal. 110. 4. (c) Deut. 18. 15.*

Q. 2. Hath he these Offices peculiar by Nature?

A. No, he onely received them for the present Dispensation, until the work of Redemption be perfected, *Psal. 110. 1. Act. 2. 36. & 10. 42. 1 Cor. 13. 12. & 15. 27, 28. Phil. 2. 9. Heb. 3. 2. 6. & 2. 7, 8, 9.*

Q. 3. Wherein doth the Kingly Office of Christ consist?

A. In a two-fold power; First, his power of ruling in, and over his Church; Secondly, his power of subduing his Enemies, *Psal. 110. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.*

Q. 4. What is his ruling power in, and over his People?

A. That supream Authority, which

(1) In the exercise of these Offices, Christ is also the sole head, husband, and first-born of the Church. (2) Papal usurpation upon these Offices of Christ; manifest the Pope to be the man of Sin.

(3) Christs subjects are all born Rebels, & are stubborn, until he make them obedient by his Word and Spirit.
 (4) Christ hath not delegated his Kingly power of Law-making for his Church, to any here below.

which (3,4) for their everlasting good, he useth towards them, whereof in general there be two acts; first, (a) internal and spiritual, in converting their Souls unto him, making them unto himself, a willing, obedient, persevering People; secondly, (b) external and ecclesiastical, in giving perfect Laws, and Rules for their Government, as gathered into holy Societies, under him. (a) *Esa.* 53. 12. & 59. 20, 21. with *Heb.* 8. 10, 11, 12. *Esa.* 61. 1. 2. *Joh.* 1. 16. & 12. 32. *Mark* 1. 15. *Mat.* 28. 20. 2 *Cor.* 10. 4, 5. (b) *Mat.* 16. 19. 1 *Cor.* 12. 28. *Ephes.* 4. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. 2 *Tim.* 3. 16, 17. *Revel.* 22. 18, 19.

Q. 5. *How many are the acts of his Kingly power, towards his Enemies?*

(5) The end of Christ in exercising his kingly power over his Enemies, is the glory of his Gospel, and the good of his People.

A. Two also, first, (a) internal, by the (5) mighty working of his Word, and the spirit of Bondage upon their hearts, convincing, amazing, terrifying their Consciences, hardning their spirits for ruine; Secondly, (b) external in Judgements and Vengeance, which oft times he beginneth in this Life, and will continue

tinue unto Eternity, (a) *Psal.* 110. *Joh.* 6. 46. & 8. 59. & 9. 41. & 12. 40. 2 *Cor.* 10. 4, 5, 6. 1 *Cor.* 5. 6. 1 *Tim.* 1. 20. (b) *Mark* 16. 16. *Luk.* 19. 21. *Act.* 13. 11. *Revel.* 17. 14.

CHAP. XII.

Of Christ's Priestly Office.

Q. 1. *By what means did Jesus Christ undertake the Office of an eternal Priest?*

A. By (a) the Decree, Ordination, and will of God his Father, (b) whereunto he yielded voluntary obedience, so (c) that concerning this, there was a Compact and Covenant between them. (a) *Psal.* 110. 4. *Heb.* 4. 5, 6. & 7. 17, 18. (b) *Esa.* 50. 4, 5, 6. *Heb.* 10. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. (c) *Psal.* 2. 7, 8. *Esa.* 53. 8. 10, 11, 12. *Phil.* 2. 7, 9. *Heb.* 12. 2. *Joh.* 17. 2. 4.

Q. 2. *Wherein doth his execution of this Office consist?*

A. In bringing his People unto God, *Heb.* 2. 10. and 4. 15. and 7. 25.

Q. 3. *What are the parts of it?*

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A. First, (a) oblation; secondly,

(1) Against (b) intercession (1). (a) *Heb. 9. 13.*
both these the (b) *Heb. 7. 25.*
Papists are ex-
ceedingly blas-
phemous, a-

gainst the one
by making
their Mass a sa-
crifice for Sins,
the other by
making Saints
mediators of
Intercession.

A. The (a) offering up of him-

self upon the Altar of the Cross, an
holy propitiatory sacrifice for the
sins of all the Elect throughout
the World, as (b) also the presen-
tation of himself for us in Heaven,
sprinkled with the blood of the Co-
venant. (a) *Esa. 53. 10, 12. Joh. 3.*
16. & 11. 51, 52. & 17. 19. Heb. 9. 13,
14. (b) Heb. 9. 24.

Q. 5. Whereby doth this oblation do
good unto us?

A. Divers wayes : first, in that it
satisfied the justice of God; second-
ly, it redeemed us from the power
of Sin, Death, and Hell; thirdly, it
ratified the new Covenant of Grace;
fourthly, it procured for us Grace
here, and Glory hereafter; by all
which means, the peace, and recon-
ciliation between God and us is
wrought, *Ephes. 2. 14, 15.*

Q. 6. How did the oblation of Christ
satisfie God's justice for our sin!

A. In that for us, he underwent
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the (2) punishment due to our Sin,

Esa. 53. 4, 5, 6. Joh. 10. 11. Rom. 3. 25, (2) Christs un-
26. and 4. 25. 1 Cor. 15. 3. 2 Cor. 5. 21. dergoing pu-
Ephes. 5. 2. 1 Pet. 2. 24. nishment for us
was first, typi-

fied by the old Sacrifices; secondly, foretold in the first Pro-
mise; thirdly, made lawful and valid in it self; first, by
God's determination, the supream Law-giver; secondly,
his own voluntary undergoing it; thirdly, by a Relaxation
of the Law, in regard of the Subject punished; fourthly, be-
neficial to us, because united to us, as first, our head; second-
ly, our elder Brother; thirdly, our Sponsor or Surety; fourth-
ly, our Husband; fifthly, our God or Redeemer, &c.

Q. 7. What was that punishment?

A. The wrath of God, the curse
(3) of the Law, the paines of Hell, (3) No change
due to Sinners, in Body and Soul, in all these, but
Gen. 2. 17. Deut. 27. 27. Esa. 59. 2. what necessary
Rom. 5. 12. Ephes. 2. 3. Joh. 3. 36. follows the
Heb. 2. 14. change of the
Persons sustain-
ing.

Q. 8. Did Christ undergo all these?

A. Yes, in respect of the greatness
(4) and extremity, not the eterni-
ty and continuance of those pains,
for it was impossible he should be
holden of Death, *Matth. 26. 28, 29.*
Mark 14. 33. and 15. 34. Gal. 3. 13.
Ephes. 2. 16. Col. 1. 20. Heb. 5. 7.
Psal. 18. 5.

Q. 9. How could the punishment of
one, satisfie for the offence of all?

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(4) The death
that Christ un-
derwent was
eternal, in its
own Nature &
Tendence, not
so to him, be-
cause of his ho-
liness, power,
and the unity
of his Person.

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A. In that he was not a mere

(5) He suffered not as God, but he suffered who was God. (5) man onely, but God also, of infinite more value than all those who had offended, *Rom. 5.9. Heb. 9.26. 1 Pet. 3. 18.*

Q. 10. How did the oblation of Christ redeem us from Death, and Hell?

(5) We are freed from the anger of God, by a perfect rendering to the full value of what he required, from the power of Satan by absolute conquest on our behalf.

A. First, (a) by paying a ranfome (6) to God the Judge and Law-giver, who had condemned us; Secondly, (b) by overcoming, and spoiling Satan, Death, and the powers of Hell, that detained us Captives, (a) *Matth. 20.28. Job. 6.38. Mark 10.45. Rom. 3.25. 1 Cor. 6.20. Gal. 3.13. Ephes. 1.7. 1 Tim. 2.6. Heb. 10.9. (b) Job. 5.24. Col. 2.13, 14, 15. 1 Thess. 1.10. Heb. 2. 14. 1 Pet. 1. 18, 19.*

Q. 11. What was the ranfome that Christ paid for us?

(7) The new Covenant is Christs legacy in his last Will, unto his People, the external inheritance of Glory being conveyed thereby.

A. His own precious Blood, *Act. 20. 28. 1 Pet. 1. 19.*

Q. 12. How was the new Covenant ratified in his Blood?

A. By being accompanied with (7) his Death, for that as all other Testaments was to be ratified by the death of the Testator, *Gen. 22.18. Heb. 9. 16. & 8. 10, 11, 12.*

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Q. 13. What is this new Covenant?

A. The gracious, free, immutable promise of God made unto all his Elect fallen in Adam, to (b) give them Jesus Christ, and (c) in him Mercy, Pardon, Grace, and Glory, (d) with a restipulation of Faith from them unto this promise and new obedience. (a) *Gen. 3. 15. Jer. 31.32, 33, 34. & 32.40. Heb. 8.10, 11, 12. (b) Gal. 3. 8. 16. Gen. 12. 3. (c) Rom. 8. 32. Ephes. 1. 3, 4. (d) Mar. 16. 16. Job. 1. 12. & 10.27, 28.*

Q. 14. How did Christ procure for us Grace, Faith, and Glory?

A. By the way of purchase (8) and merit, for the Death of Christ deservedly procured of God, that he should Bless us with all spiritual Blessings, needful for our coming unto him, *Esa. 53. 11, 12. Job. 17.2. Act. 20.28. Rom. 5. 17, 18. Ephes. 2.15. 16. & 1.4. Phil. 1. 29. Tit. 2. 14. Revel. 1. 5, 6.*

Q. 15. What is the intercession of Christ?

A. His continual solliciting (10) of God on our behalf, begun here in fervent Prayers, continued in

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(8) The death of Christ was satisfactory in respect of the strict justice of God, meritorious in respect of the Covenant between him and his Father.

(9) All these holy truths are directly denied by the blasphemous Socinians, & of the Papists with their merits, masses, penance and purgatory, by consequent overthrown.

(10) To make Saints our intercessours, is to renounce Jesus Christ from being a sufficient Saviour.

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Heaven by appearing as our advocate at the Throne of Grace, *Psal.* 2. 8. *Rom.* 8. 34. *Heb.* 7. 25. & 9. 24. & 10. 19, 20, 21. 1 *Job.* 2. 1, 2. *Job.* 17.

CHAP. XIII.

Of Christ's Prophetical Office.

(1) Christ differed from all other Prophets first, in his sending, which was immediately from the Bosome of his father, secondly his assistance, which was the fulness of the Spirit; thirdly, his manner of teaching, with Authority.

(2) To accuse his word of imperfection in Doctrine or Discipline, is to deny him a perfect Prophet, or to have born witness unto all Truth.

Q. 1. *Wherein doth the prophetical Office of Christ consist?*

A. In his Embassy (1) from God to Man, revealing from the bosome of his Father, the whole Mytery of Godliness, the way and Truth, whereby we must come unto God, *Matth.* 5. *Job.* 1. 18. & 3. 32. & 10. 9. 14. & 14. 5, 6. & 17. 8. & 18. 37.

Q. 3. *How doth he exercise this Office towards us?*

A. By making known (2) the whole Doctrine of truth unto us, in a saving and spiritual manner, *Deut.* 18. 18. *Esai.* 42. 6. *Heb.* 3. 1.

Q. 3. *By what means doth he perform all this?*

A. Divers, as first, (a) internally and effectually by his Spirit, writing his

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his Law in our hearts; secondly, (b) outwardly, and instrumentally, by the Word preached. (a) *Jer.* 31. 32, 33. *2 Cor.* 3. 3. 1 *Thess.* 4. 9. *Heb.* 8. 10. (b) *Job.* 20. 31. 1 *Cor.* 12. 28. *Ephes.* 4. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. 2 *Pet.* 1. 21.

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Of the two-fold Estate of Christ.

Q. 1. *In what estate or condition doth Christ exercise these Offices?*

A. In a two-fold Estate; first, of humiliation (1, 2, 3) or abasement; secondly, of exaltation, or glory, *Phil.* 2. 8, 9, 10.

Q. 2. *Wherein consisteth the state of Christ's humiliation?*

A. In three things; first, (a) in his Incarnation, or being born of Woman; secondly, (b) his Obedience or fulfilling the whole Law, Moral and Ceremonial; thirdly, in his (c) Passion, or induring all sorts of miseries, even death it self. (a) *Luk.* 1. 35. *Job.* 1. 14. *Rom.* 1. 3. *Gal.* 4. 4. *Heb.* 2. 9, 14. (b) *Matth.* 3. 15. & 5. 17. *Luk.* 2. 21. *Job.* 8. 46. 2 *Cor.* 5.

(1) The humiliation of Christ, shews us what we must here do, and suffer; his Exaltation, what we may hope for. (2) The first of these holds forth his mighty love to us, the other his mighty power in himself. (3) The onely way to Heaven is by the Cross.

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21. 1 Pet. 1. 19. 1 Job. 3. 5. (c) Psal. 53. 4, 5, 6. Heb. 2. 9. 1 Pet. 2. 21.

Q. 3. *Wherein consists his exaltation?*

A. In first, his Resurrection; secondly, Ascension; thirdly, sitting at the right hand of God; by all which he was declared to be the Son of God with Power, Mat. 28. 18. Rom. 1. 4. & 4. 4. Ephes. 4. 9. Phil. 2. 9, 10. 1 Tim. 3. 16.

CHAP. XV.

Of the Persons to whom the Benefits of Christ's Offices do belong.

Q. 1. *Unto whom do the saving Benefits of what Christ performeth in the Execution of his Offices belong?*

(1) Christ giveth Life to all that world for whom he gave his Life.

(2) None that he dyed for shall ever dye. (3) To say that Christ died for every man universally, is to affirm that he did no more for the Elect than the reprobates, for them that are saved, then for them that are damned, which is the Arminian Blasphemy.

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eternal purpose, and his own intention, of removing wrath from them, procuring Grace and Glory for them, Act. 20. 28. Matth. 20. 28. & 26. 28. Heb. 9. 28. Job. 11. 51, 52. Esa. 53. 12. Job. 3. 16. & 10, 11, 12, 13. 15. Ephes. 5. 25. Rom. 8. 32. 34. Gal. 3. 13. Job. 6. 37. 39. Rom. 4. 25. 2 Cor. 5. 19, 20.

Q. 3. *What shall become of them for whom Christ dyed not?*

A. Everlasting Torments for their Sins, their portion in their own place, Mark 16. 16. Job. 3. 36. Matth. 25. 41. Act. 1. 25.

Q. 4. *For whom doth he make Intercession?*

A. Onely for those who from Eternity were given him by his Father, Job. 17. Heb. 7. 24, 25.

CHAP. XVI.

Of the Church.

Q. 1. *How are the Elect called, in respect of their Obedience unto Christ, and Union with him?*

A. His Church, Act. 20. 28. Ephes. 5. 32. Q. 2.

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Q. 2. What is the Church of Christ?

A. The whole company of Gods ^(1,2,3,4,5) Elect ^(a), called ^(b) of God, ^(c) by the Word and Spirit, ^(d) out of their natural condition, to the dignity of his Children, and ^(e) united unto Christ their Head, by Faith in the bond of the Spirit. ^(a) *Act. 2. 47. 1 Tim. 5. 21. Heb. 12. 22, 23, 24.* ^(b) *Rom. 1. 5, 6. Rom. 9. 11. 24. 1 Cor. 4. 15. 2 Tim. 1. 9.* ^(c) *Act. 16. 14. Job. 38. 1 Cor. 4. 15. 1 Pet. 1. 23. Heb. 8. 10.* ^(d) *Ephes. 2. 11, 12, 13. Col. 1. 13. Heb. 2. 14, 15. 1 Pet. 2. 9.* ^(e) *Job. 17. 21. Ephes. 2. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.*

⁽¹⁾ The Elect Angels belong to this Church. ⁽²⁾ No distance of time or place breaks the Unity of this Church; Heaven and Earth, from the beginning of the world unto the End, are comprized in it. ⁽³⁾ No mention in Scripture of any Church in purgatory. ⁽⁴⁾ This is the Catholick Church, though that term be not to be found in the Word in this Sense, the thing it self is obvious. ⁽⁵⁾ The Pope challenging unto himself the title of the head of the Catholick Church, is blasphemously rebellious against Jesus Christ.

Q. 3. Is this whole Church always in the same state?

A. No, one part of it is Militant, the other Triumphant.

Q. 4. What is the Church Militant?

A. That portion of Gods Elect, which in their generation cleaveth unto

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unto Christ by Faith, and fighteth against the World, Flesh, and Devil, *Ephes. 6. 11, 12. Heb. 11. 13, 14. & 12. 4.*

Q. 5. What is the Church Triumphant?

A. That portion of Gods People, who having fought their fight and kept the Faith, are now in Heaven, resting from their Labours, *Ephes. 5. 27. Revel. 3. 21. & ch. 14. 13.*

Q. 6. Are not the Church of the Jews, before the Birth of Christ, and the Church of the Christians since, two Churches?

⁽⁶⁾ This is that Ark, out of which whosoever is, shall surely perish.

A. No, essentially they are but one, differing only in some outward administrations, *Ephes. 2. 12. 13, 14, 15, 16. 1 Cor. 10. 3. Gal. 4. 26. 27. Heb. 11. 15. 26. 40.*

Q. 7. Can this Church be wholly overthrown on the Earth?

A. No, unless the Decree of God may be changed, and the promise of Christ fail. *Matth. 16. 18. & 28. 20. Job. 14. 16. Job. 17. 1 Tim. 3. 15. 2 Tim. 2. 19.*

C H A P. XVII.

Of Faith?

Q. 1. By what means do we become actual Members of this Church of God?

A. By a lively justifying Faith, (1) whereby we are united unto Christ, the head thereof, Act. 2. 47. & 13. 48. Heb. 11. 6. & 12. 22, 23. & 4. 2. Rom. 5. 1, 2. Ephes. 2. 13, 14.

Q. 2. What is a justifying Faith?

A. A (a) gracious resting upon (2) the free promises of God in Jesus Christ for mercy, (b) with a firm perswasion of Heart, that God is a reconciled Father unto us in the Son of his Love. (a) 1 Tim. 1. 16. Joh. 13. 15. & 19. 25. Rom. 4. 5. (b) Heb. 4. 16. Rom. 8. 38, 39. Gal. 2. 20. 2 Cor. 5. 20, 21.

Q. 3. Have all this Faith?

A. None, but the Elect of God, Tit. 1. 1. Joh. 10. 26. Matth. 13. 11. Act. 13. 48. Rom. 8. 30.

Q. 4. Do not then others believe that make profession?

A. Yes, with first, historical Faith, or

or a perswasion, that the things written in the word are true, James 2. 9. secondly, temporary Faith, which hath some joy of the affections, upon unspiritual grounds, in the things believed, Matth. 13. 20. Mark 6. 20. Joh. 2. 23, 24. Act. 8. 13.

C H A P. XVIII.

Of our Vocation, or Gods calling us.

Q. 1. How come we to have this saving Faith?

A. It is freely bestowed upon us, and wrought in us, by the Spirit of God in our vocation or calling. Joh. 6. 29. 44. Ephes. 2. 8, 9. Phil. 1. 29. 2 Thes. 1. 11.

Q. 2. What is our Vocation, or this calling of God?

A. The free gracious (1, 2.) act of Almighty God, whereby in Jesus Christ he calleth and translateth us from the state of Nature, Sin, Wrath, and Corruption, into the State of Grace, and Union with Christ, by the mighty, effectual working of his Spirit, in the preaching

(1) Our effectual calling is the first effect of our everlasting election. (2) We have no actual interest in, nor right unto Christ, untill we are thus called.

(1) Of this faith the holy Spirit is the efficient cause, the Word the instrumental, the Law indirectly, by discovering our misery; the Gospel immediately by holding forth a Saviour.

(2) Faith is in the understanding, in respect of its being, & subsistence in the will and heart, in respect of its effectual working.

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ing of the Word, Col. 1. 12, 13. 2 Tim. 1. 9. Deut. 30. 6. Ezek. 36. 26. Matth. 11. 25, 26. Joh. 1. 13. & 3. 3. 8. Ephes. 1. 19. Col. 2. 12. 1 Cor. 4. 7. Jam. 1. 18. 2 Pet. 2. 20. Act. 16. 14.

Q. 3. *What do we our selves perform in this change or work of our conversion?*

A. Nothing at all, being meerly wrought upon by the free grace and Spirit of God, when in our selves we have no Ability to any thing that is spiritually good, Matth. 7. 18. & 10. 20. Joh. 1. 13. & 15. 5. 1 Cor. 12. 3. 1 Cor. 2. 5. 2 Cor. 3. 5. Ephes. 2. 1. 8. Rom. 8. 26. Phil. 1. 6.

Q. 4. *Doth God thus call all and every one?*

A. All within the pale of the Church are outwardly called by the Word, none effectually but the Elect. Mat. 22. 14. Rom. 8. 30.

CHAP. XIX.

Of Justification.

Q. 1. *Are we accounted righteous and saved for our Faith, when we are thus freely called?*

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the Doctrine of Christ.

A. No, but meerly by the imputation of the righteousness of Christ, apprehended and applyed by Faith, for which alone the Lord accepts us, as holy and righteous, Esa. 43. 25. Rom. 3. 23, 24, 25, 26. Rom. 4. 5.

Q. 2. *What then is our Justification, or Righteousness before God?*

A. The gracious free Act (1.) of God, imputing the righteousness of Christ to a believing Sinner, and for that speaking Peace unto his Conscience, in the Pardon of his Sin, pronouncing him to be just, and accepted before him, Gen. 15. 6. Act. 13. 38, 39. Luk. 18. 14. Rom. 3. 24, 26, 28. Rom. 4. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Gal. 2. 16. (1.) Legal and Evangelical justification differ; first, on the part of the Persons to be justified: the one requiring a Person legally and perfectly righteous, the other a believing Sinner; Secondly, on the part of God, who in the one is a severe righteous Judge, in the other, a merciful reconciled Father; thirdly, in the Sentence, which in the one, acquitteth, as having done nothing amiss, the other as having all amiss pardoned.

Q. 3. *Are we not then righteous before God, by our own Works?*

A. No, for of themselves, they can neither satisfy his Justice, fulfil his Law, nor indure his Tryal. Psal. 130. 3, 4. Psal. 143. 2. Esa. 64. 6. Luke 17. 10.

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CHAP. XX.

Of Sanctification.

Q. 1. Is there nothing then required of us, but Faith only?

A. Yes, (a) repentance, and (b) holiness, or new obedience. (a) *Act. 20. 21. Matth. 3. 2. Luk. 13. 3.* (b) *2 Tim. 2. 19. 1 Thess. 4. 7. Heb. 12. 14.*

Q. 2. What is Repentance?

A. Godly (a) sorrow for every known (1, 2) sin committed against God, (b) with a firm purpose of heart, to cleave unto him for the future, (c) in the killing of sin, the quickning of all graces, to walk before him in newness of life. (a) *2 Cor. 7. 9, 10, 11. Act. 2. 37. Psal. 51. 17.* (b) *Psal. 34. 14. Esa. 1. 16, 17. Ezek. 18. 27, 28. Act. 14. 15.* (c) *Ephes. 4. 21, 22, 23, 24. Rom. 6. 12, 13. 18, 19. Rom. 8. 1. 2 Cor. 5. 17. Gal. 6. 15.*

(2) Repentance is either legal, servile, and terrifying, from the spirit of Bondage: or, Evangelical, filial, and comforting, from the spirit of free Grace and Liberty, which only is available.

Q. 3. Can we do this of our selves?

A. No, it is a special gift and grace of

of God, which he bestoweth on whom he pleaseth; *Levit. 20. 8. Deut. 30. 6. Ezek. 11. 19, 20. 2 Tim. 2. 25. Act. 11. 18.*

Q. 4. Wherein doth the being of true Repentance consist, without which it is not acceptable?

A. In its (3) performance according to the Gospel rule, with Faith and assured hope of divine mercy, *Psal. 51. 1. Job. 2. 1, 2. 2 Cor. 7. 10, 11. Act. 2. 38. Matth. 27. 4.*

Q. 5. What is that holiness which is required of us?

A. That (a) universal (4, 5) sincere obedience to the whole will of God, (b) in our hearts, minds, wills, and actions, (c) whereby we are in some measure made conformable to Christ our head. (a) *Psal. 119. 9. 1 Sam. 15. 22. Job. 14. 15. Rom. 6. 9. Heb. 12. 14. Tit. 2. 12. 2 Pet. 1. 5, 6, 7. Esa. 1. 16, 17.* (b) *1 Cron. 28. 9. Deut. 6. 5. Matth. 22. 37.* (c) *Rom. 8. 29. 1 Cor. 11. 1. Ephes. 2. 21. Col. 3. 1, 2, 3. 2 Tim. 2. 11, 12.*

Q. 6. Is this holiness or obedience in us perfect?

A. Yes, (a) in respect (6) of all

(3) Every part of popish Repentance viz. contrition, confession, and satisfaction, was performed by *Jud. 11.*

(4) All Faith & profession without this holiness is vain and of no effect (5) True Faith can no more be without true holiness, than true fire without heat.

(6) Merit of works in unprofitable servants, no way able to do their Duty is a Popish Miracle.

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the parts of it, but (b) not in respect of the degrees wherein God requires it. (a) 2 King. 20. 3. Job. 1. 1. Mat. 5. 48. Luk. 1. 6. 2 Cor. 7. 1. Ephes. 4. 24. Tit. 2. 12. (b) Esa. 64. 6. Psal. 130. 3. Exod. 28. 38. Phil. 3. 8.

Q. 7. Will God accept of that obedience which falls so short of what he requireth?

A. Yes from them (7) whose persons he accepteth, and justifieth freely in Jesus Christ, Rom. 12. 1. Phil. 4. 18. Heb. 13. 16. 1 Joh. 3. 22. Ephes. 1. 6.

Q. 8. What are the parts of this holiness?

A. (a) Internal, in the quickning of all Graces, purging all Sins; (b) and external, in fervent and frequent Prayers, Almes, and all manner of Righteousness. (a) Heb. 9. 14. Ephes. 3. 16. 17. Rom. 2. 29. & 6. 12. (b) Matth. 5. 20. Rom. 8. 1, 2. Ephes. 4. 22, 23. Tit. 2. 12. particular precepts are innumerable.

Q. 8. May not others perform these Duties acceptably, as well as those that believe?

A. No, (8) all their performances

(8) The best duties of unbelievers, are but white Sins.

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ces in this kind are but abominable sins before the Lord, Prov. 15. 8. Joh. 9. 31. Tit. 1. 15. Heb. 11. 6.

CHAP. XXI.

Of the Priviledges of Believers.

Q. 1. What are the priviledges of those that thus believe and repent?

A. First Union with Christ; secondly, Adoption of Children; thirdly, Christian Liberty; fourthly, a Spiritual holy right to the Seals of the new Covenant; fifthly, communion with all Saints; sixthly, Resurrection of the Body unto Life Eternal.

Q. 2. What is our Union with Christ?

A. An (a) holy spiritual (1, 2) of this Union, Conjunction unto him, as our (b) Christ suffereth in our Afflictions; and we fill up in our Bodies what remaineth as his.

(2) From Christ as head of the Church, we have spiritual Life, Sense, and Motion, or growth in Grace; secondly, as the Husband of the Church, Love and Redemption; thirdly, as the Foundation thereof, Stability, and Perseverance.

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from him. (a) 1 Cor. 12. 12. Job. 15. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7. & 17. 23. (b) Ephes. 4. 15. & 5. 23. Col. 1. 18. (c) 2 Cor. 11. 2. Ephes. 5. 25, 26, 27. Revel. 21. 9. (d) Matth. 16. 18. Ephes. 2. 20, 21, 22. 1 Pet. 2. 4, 5, 6, 7. (e) Rom. 8. 9. 11. Gal. 4. 6. Phil. 1. 19. (f) Job. 1. 12. 16. Ephes. 1. 3.

Q. 3. What is our adoption?

A. Our gracious Reception into the family of God, as his Children, and co-heirs with Christ, Job. 1. 12. Rom. 8. 15. 17. Gal. 4. 5. Ephes. 1. 5.

Q. 4. How came we to know this?

(3) This is that great honour & dignity of believers, which exalts them to a despising all earthly thrones

A. By the especial working of the holy (3) Spirit in our hearts, sealing unto us the promises of God, and raising up our Souls to an assured expectation of the promised Inheritance, Rom. 8. 15. 17. Ephes. 4. 30. 1 Job. 3. 1. Rom. 8. 19. 23. Titus 2. 12.

Q. 5. What is our Christian liberty?

(4) Our liberty is our Inheritance here below, which we ought to contend for, against all opposers.

A. An (4) holy and spiritual (a) freedom from the (b) slavery of Sin, the (c) bondage of Death and Hell; the (d) curse of the Law, (e) Jewish Ceremonies, and (f) thralldom of Conscience, purchased for us

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us by Jesus Christ, and (g) revealed to us by the holy Spirit. (a) Gal. 5. 1. (b) Job. 8. 32, 34, 36. Rom. 6. 17, 18. Esa. 81. 1. 1 Job. 1. 7. 2 Cor. 5. 21. (c) Rom. 8. 15. Heb. 2. 15. 1 Cor. 15. 55, 57. (d) Gal. 3. 13. Ephes. 2. 15, 16. Gal. 4. 5. Rom. 8. 1. (e) Act. 15. 10, 11. Gal. 3. 4, 5 Chapters. (f) 2 Cor. 1. 24. 1 Cor. 7. 23. 1 Pet. 2. 16. (g) 1 Cor. 2. 12.

Q. 6. Are we then wholly freed from the Moral Law?

A. Yes, as (a) a Covenant (5) or as it hath any thing in it, bringing into bondage, as the curse, power, dominion, and rigid exaction of obedience, (b) but not as it is a rule of Life and Holiness, (a) Jer. 31. 31, 32, 33. Rom. 7. 1, 2, 3. Rom. 6. 14. Gal. 3. 19. 24. Rom. 8. 2. Gal. 5. 18. (b) Mat. 5. 17. Rom. 3. 31. & 7. 13. 22, 25.

(5) Nothing makes men condemn the Law as a rule, but hatred of that universal holiness which it doth require.

Q. 7. Are we not freed by Christ from the Magistrates Power, and humane Authority?

A. No, being ordained of (6) God, and commanding for him, we owe them all lawful obedience, Rom. 13. 1, 2, 3, 4. 1 Tim. 2. 1, 2. 1 Pet. 2. 13, 14, 15.

(6) Rule and Authority are as necessary for humane society, as Fire and Water for our Lives.

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CHAP. XXII.

Of the Sacraments of the new Covenant in particular, a holy right whereunto, is the fourth privilege of Believers?

Q. 1 *What are the Seals of the new Testament?*

A. Sacraments instituted of Christ to be visible Seals and Pledges, whereby God in him confirmeth the Promises of the Covenant to all Believers, restipulating of them, growth in Faith and Obedience, *Mark 16. 16. Joh. 3. 5. Act. 2. 38. & 22. 16. Rom. 4. 11. 1 Cor. 10. 2, 3, 4. 1 Cor. 11. 26, 27, 28, 29.*

Q. 2. *How doth God by these Sacraments bestow Grace upon us?*

A. Not by any (1) real, essential conveying of spiritual Grace, by corporeal means, but by the way of Promise, Obligation and Covenant, confirming the Grace wrought in us by the Word and Spirit, *Heb. 4. 2. 1 Cor. 10. Rom. 4. 11. & 1. 17. Mark 16. 16. Ephes. 5. 26.*

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Q. 3. *How do our Sacraments differ from the Sacraments of the Jews?*

A. Accidentally onely, in things concerning the outward matter and form, as their number, quality, clearness of signification, and the like, not essentially in the things signified or Grace confirmed, *1 Cor. 10. 1, 2, 3, &c. Joh. 6. 35. 1 Cor. 5. 7. Phil. 3. 3. Col. 2. 11.*

CHAP. XXIII.

Of Baptism.

Q. 1. *Which are these Sacraments?*

A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Q. 2. *What is Baptism?*

A. An (a) holy action appointed (1, 2) of Christ, whereby being (1) Not the sprinkled with water in the Name of want, but the contempt of the whole Trinity, by a lawful this Sacrament is damnable. Minister of the Church, (b) we are admitted into the Family of (2) It is hard to say whether the Errour of the Papists, requiring Baptism of absolute indispensable necessity to the Salvation of every Infant; or that of the Anabaptists, debarring them from it altogether, be the most uncharitable.

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God, (c) and have the benefits of the blood of Christ confirmed unto us. (a) *Matth.* 28. 19. *Mark* 16. 15, 16. (b) *Act.* 2. 41. & 8. 37. (c) *Act.* 2. 38, 39. *Joh.* 3. 5. *Rom.* 6. 3, 4, 5. *I Cor.* 12. 13.

Q. 3. *To whom doth this Sacrament belong?*

A. Unto all, to whom the promise of the Covenant is made, that is, to Believers and to their Seed, *Act.* 2. 39. *Gen.* 17. 11, 12. *Act.* 16. 15. *Rom.* 4. 10, 11. *I Cor.* 7. 14.

Q. 4. *How can Baptisme seal the pardon of all Sins to us, all our personal Sins following it?*

A. In as much as it is a Seal of that promise which gives pardon of all to Believers, *Act.* 2. 39. *Rom.* 4. 11, 12.

C H A P. XXIV.

Of the Lords Supper.

Q. 1. *What is the Lord Supper?*

A. An (a) holy action instituted and (1) appointed by Christ, (b) to set forth his Death, (c) and communicate

(1) Baptisme is the Sacrament of our new Birth, this of our further growth in Christ.

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communicate unto us spiritually his Body and Blood, by Faith, being (d) represented by Bread and Wine, (e) blessed by his Word, and Prayer, (f) broken, (2) powred out, and received of Believers. (a) *Mat.* 26. 20, 21. *Luk.* 22. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. *I Cor.* 11. 23, 24. (b) *Luk.* 22. 19. *I Cor.* 11. 25, 26. (c) *Mark* 14. 22, 23, 24. *I Cor.* 11. 24, 25. *Joh.* 6. 63. (d) *I Cor.* 11. 23, 25. (e) *I Cor.* 11. 24. *Mat.* 26. 26. (f) *Mat.* 26. 26. *Mark* 14. 22. *Luk.* 22. 19.

Q. 2. *When did Christ appoint this Sacrament?*

A. On the night wherein he was betrayed to suffer, *I Cor.* 11. 23.

Q. 3. *Whence is the right use of it to be learned.*

A. From the Word, (3) practice, and actions of our Saviour, as its institution.

Q. 4. *What were the actions of our Saviour to be imitated by us?*

A. First, blessing the elements by Prayer; secondly, breaking the bread, and powring out the Wine; thirdly, distributing them to the receivers, sitting in a Table gesture,

Matth.

(2) No part of Christian Religion was ever so vilely contaminated and abused by profane wretches, as this pure, holy, plain action, and institution of our Saviour: witness the Popish horrid monster of transubstantiation, and their Idolatrous Mass. (3) Whatever is more than these is of our own.

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Matth. 26. 26. Mark. 14. 22. Luk. 22.

19, 20. 1 Cor. 11. 23, 24.

Q. 5. What were the words of Christ?

A. First, of command, Take, eat; Secondly, of Promise, This is my Body; Thirdly, of Institution, for perpetual use, This do, &c. 1 Cor. 11. 24, 25, 26.

Q. 6. Who are to be (4, 5) receivers of this Sacrament?

A. Those onely have a true right to the Signs, who by Faith have an holy interest in Christ, the thing signified, 1 Cor. 11. 27, 28, 29. Joh. 6. 63.

(4) Faith in Gods promises which it doth confirm, union with Christ, whereof it is a Seal, and obedience to the right use of the Ordinance it self, is required of all Receivers. (5) There is not any one Action pertaining to the Spiritual Nature of this Sacrament, not any end put upon it by Christ; as first, the partaking of his Body and Blood; Secondly, setting forth of his Death for us; Thirdly, declaring of our Union with him and his, but require Faith, Grace, and Holiness in the Receivers.

Q. 7. Do the elements remain Bread and wine still, after the blessing of them?

A. Yes, all the spiritual change is wrought by the Faith of the Receiver, not the words of the Giver; to them that Believe, they are the Body and Blood of Christ, Joh. 6. 63. 1 Cor. 10. 4. and 11. 29.

C H A P. XXV.

Of the Communion of Saints, the fifth priviledge of Believers.

Q. 1. What is the Communion of Saints?

A. An holy conjunction (1) between all God's People, wrought by their participation of the same Spirit whereby we are all made Members of that one Body, whereof Christ is the head, Cant. 6. 9. Jer. 32. 39. Joh. 17. 22. 1 Cor. 12. 12. Ephes. 4. 3, 4, 5, 6. 13. 1 Joh. 1. 3. 6, 7.

(1) By Vertue of this we partake in all the good and evil of the People of God throughout the World.

Q. 2. Of what sort is this Union?

A. First, (a) spiritual and internal, in the injoyment of the same Spirit and Graces, which is the union of the Church Catholick; Secondly, (b) external and ecclesiastical in the same outward Ordinances, which is the Union of particular Congregations. (a) 1 Cor. 12. 12, 13. Ephes. 2. 16. 19, 20, 21, 22. 1 Cor. 10. 17. Joh. 17. 11, 21, 22. Joh. 10. 16. Heb. 2. 11. (b) 1 Cor. 1. 10, 11. Rom. 12. 5. 1 Cor. 12. 27, 28. Ephes. 4. 11, 12, 13. Phil. 2. 2. Col. 3. 15. 1 Pet. 3. 8.

C H A P. XXVI.

Of particular Churches.

Q. 1. What are particular Churches?

(1) Every corruption doth not presently unchurch a People.

(2) Unholiness of fellow worshippers, defileth not Gods Ordinances.

A. Peculiar (a) Assemblies (1, 2.) of Professors in one Place, (b) under Officers of Christs Institution, (c) enjoying the Ordinances of God, (d) and leading Lives befitting their holy Calling. (a) *Act. 11. 26.*

1 Cor. 4. 17, & 11. 22. 2 Cor. 1. 1. (b) Act. 20. 17, 28. & 14. 23. 2 Cor. 8. 23. Heb. 13. 17. (c) 1 Cor. 1. 5. Revel. 2. 1; 2, 3. (d) 2 Thess. 3. 5, 6, 11. Gal. 6. 16. Phil. 3. 18. 1 Thes. 2. 12.

Q. 2. What are the ordinary Officers of such Churches?

A. First (a) Pastors or Doctors (3) to teach and exhort; secondly, (b) Elders to assist in Rule and Government, thirdly, (c) Deacons to provide for the poor, (4) *Rom. 12. 7, 8. Ephes. 4. 10. 1 Cor. 12. 28. (b) Rom. 12. 8. 1 Tim. 5. 17. (c) Act. 6. 2, 3.*

Q. 3. What is required of these Officers, especially the chiefest, or Ministers?

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A. (a) That they be faithful in the Ministry committed unto them, (b) sedulous in dispensing the Word, (c) watching for the good of the Souls committed to them, (d) going before them in an Example of all godliness and holiness of Life. (a)

1 Cor. 4. 2. Act. 20. 18, 19, 20. (b)

2 Tim. 2. 15. and 4. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. (c)

Tit. 1. 13. 1 Tim. 4. 15, 16. (d) Tit. 2. 7.

1 Tim. 4. 12. Matth. 5. 16. Act. 25.

Q. 4. What is required in the People unto them?

A. Obedience (a) to their Message and Ministry, (b) honour and love to their Persons, (c) maintenance to them and their Families.

(a) *2 Cor. 5. 20. Rom. 6. 17. Heb. 13. 17.*

2 Thess. 3. 14. Rom. 16. 19. 2 Cor.

10. 4, 5, 6. (b) 1 Cor. 4. 1. Gal.

4. 14. 1 Tim. 5. 17, 18. (c) Luk.

10. 7. Jam. 5. 4. 1 Tim. 5. 17, 18.

1 Cor. 9. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

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CHAP. XXVII.

Of the last Privilege of Believers,
being the Door of entrance into
Glory.

Q. 1. What is the Resurrection of
the Flesh?

(1.) The Re-
surrection of
the Flesh here-
after, is a pow-
erful motive
to live after the
Spirit here.

A. An Act of the (1.) mighty pow-
er of Gods holy Spirit, applying
unto us the virtue of Christs resur-
rection, whereby at the last day, he
will raise our whole Bodies from the
Dust to be united again into our
Souls in everlasting Happiness, Job
19. 25, 26, 27. Psal. 16. 9, 10, 11.
Esa. 26. 19. Ezek. 37. 2, 3. Dan. 12. 2.
1 Cor. 15, 16. &c. Revel. 20. 12, 13.

Q. 2. What is the end of this whole
Dispensation?

A. The Glory of God in our
eternal Salvation.

To him be all Glory, and Honour for
evermore, Amen.

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