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*Train up a Child in the Way he should go, and
when he is old, he will not depart from it.*
Prov. Chap. i-ix.

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I have compared Doct. MARTIN LUTHER'S *Short Catechism* with that of our Sweed, and find it to be well done; for unless you deviate from the short Method and true Sense of the Original, it can not be brought into better English. I have made bold to make few Amendments. And that the God of Peace may so enlighten the innocent Readers, that they once may grow so strong in Faith as our ever memorable Author was, is wished and prayed for from the inner Part of his Heart, by


SIR

Yours, &c.

Willmington, Sept. 12th

1747.

Peter Tranberg.



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D. M. LUTHER's Catechism.

PART I.

A plain Method of Teaching Children
and young People.

The Ten Commandments.

GOD spake all these Words, saying :
I am the Lord thy God, who
brought thee out of the Land of
Egypt, out of the House of Bondage.

Exod. 19, 20. Deut. 4, 13. Genes. 18, 19.
Deut. 6, 6-9. Deut. 7, 6. Rom. 3, 29. 2 Cor. 6, 16.

The First Commandment.

THOU shalt have no other Gods be-
fore me, thou shalt not make unto
thee any graven Image, or any Like-
ness of any Thing that is in Heaven
above, or that is in the Earth beneath,
or that is in the Water under the Earth,
thou shalt not bow down thy self to
them, nor serve them : For I the LORD
thy God am a jealous God, visiting the
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Iniquity of the Fathers upon the Children unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me; and shewing Mercy unto Thousands of them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

1 Cor. 8, 4-6. Math. 4, 10. c. 6, 24. Rom. 2, 22. 23.

Quest. What is the Meaning of this Commandment?

Answ. We ought to fear and love God above all Things, and to put our whole Trust in him.

Ecclef. 12, 13. 14. Genes. 39, 9. Math. 10, 28. Rom. 8, 15. Matth. 22, 37. Psalm. 18, 2. 3. Psalm. 84, 12. 2 Cor. 1, 9. Jerem. 17, 5-14.

The Second Commandment.

THOU shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him Guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

Psalm. 48, 10. Math. 7, 21. Levit. 24, 15, 16.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Commandment.

A. We ought to fear and love God,

lest we by his Name swear, curse, enchant, or lye or deceive; But we should in all Distresses call upon his Name, adore, and give Thanks and Praises to it.

Math. 5, 34. 37. James. 5, 12. Rom. 12, 14. Jam. 3, 9. 10. Galat. 5, 20. Deut. 18, 10. 11. 2 Cor. 2, 17. 2 Tim. 3, 5. Psalm, 50, 15. Psalm. 91, 14. 15. Mat. 4, 10. Psal. 147, 1. Psalm. 34, 2. Psalm. 69, 30. 31. Ephes. 5, 19. 20.

The Third Commandment:

REMEMBER the Sabbath-Day, to keep it holy: Six Days shalt thou labour, and do all thy Work but; the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any Work, thou, nor thy Son, nor thy Daughter, thy Man-Servant, nor thy Maid-Servant, nor thy Cattle, nor the Stranger that is within thy Gates; for in Six Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea and all that in them is, and rested the Seventh Day: Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-Day and hallowed it.

Exod. 31, 14. Isai. 58, 13. Psal. 26, 6-8
Luke 6, 9. Numb. 15, 32-41.

Q. What

Q. What is the Meaning of this Commandment.

A. We ought to fear and love God, lest we contemn the Preaching of the Word of God: but we should esteem it holy, willingly hear and learn it.

Heb. 10, 25. Mat. 22, 5. Hof. 4, 6. Jer. 44, 16. 1 Theff. 2, 13. Luk. 11, 28. Act. 16, 14. Hebc. 4, 2. Jam. 1, 22. Act. 17, 11.

The Fourth Commandment.

Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Days may be long upon the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Prov. 23, 22. Ephes. 6, 1-3.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Commandment.

A. We ought to fear and love God lest we slight our Parents and Superiors: But we should honour, serve, obey, have Regard and Esteem for them.

Prov. 30, 17. Exod. 21, 15. 17. Prov. 19, 26. Tit. 2, 9. 1 Tim. 6, 2. 1 Tim. 5, 4. Gen. 37, 13. 14. Deur. 21, 18-21. Gen. 9, 22, 25. 2 Sam. 18, 14. 1 Sam. 2, 12. Luke 2, 51.

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The Fifth Commandment.

THOU shalt not Kill.

Gen. 9, 6. Mat. 5, 21. 22. Numb. 35, 16. seq.
1 Joh. 3. 15.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Commandment.

A. We ought to fear and love God, lest we do our Neighbour any Hurt to his Life, or trespass against him: But we should help and assist him in all Dangers.

Luke 10, 36. 37. 30, 31. Prov. 24, 11. Mat. 5, 44.
Rom. 12, 19-20. Collos. 3, 12. 13. Pet. 3, 8-9.
Luke 6, 29. Heb. 13, 16. Jsa. 58, 7.

The Sixth Commandment.

THOU shalt not commit Adultery.

1 Cor. 6, 18-19. Heb. 13, 4. Mat. 5, 28.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Commandment.

A. We ought to fear and love God, so that we lead a chaste and sober Life both in Words and Deeds, and that every

every one loves and honours his wedded Spouse.

Gen. 39, 8. 9. 10. Gal. 5, 22. Phil. 4, 8.
Rom. 13, 13. 1 Thes. 4, 3-5. Ephes. 5, 33. 1 Cor. 7, 5
Coll. 3, 18. Job. 31, 9-12.

The Seventh Commandment.

THOU shalt not Steal.

1 Tim. 6, 6. 10. Psal. 37, 18. 19. Levit. 19, 11.
Luk. 19, 8.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Commandment.

A. We ought to fear and love God lest we take away from our Neighbour his Money or proper Possessions, or cause it to come unto us by false Wares and unjust Dealings: but we should help him in Preserving his Goods and improving his Estate.

Ephes. 4, 28. 2 Thes. 3, 10. Psalm. 15, 5.
Ezek. 18, 8. 9. 13. 1 Thes. 4, 6. Prov. 11. 1.
c. 20, 10. 23. 1 Pet. 4, 10. Luc. 6, 35. Prov. 19, 17.
Psal. 41, 2. Mat. 7, 12. Phil. 2, 4. Josh. 7, 21. 25.
Gen. 31, 7. Joh. 12, 6. 1 Sam. 12 3-5

The Eighth Commandment.

THOU shalt not bear false Witness against thy Neighbour,

Joh. 8, 44. Mat. 15, 19. Prov. 19, 5.

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Q. What is the Meaning of this Commandment?

A. We ought to fear and love God, lest we bely, betray, or slander, our Neighbour: But we should rather think and speak well of him, and turn all things to the best.

Ephes. 4, 25. Prov. 25, 9. 10. c. 11, 13. Jam. 4, 11. 1 Pet. 2, 1. Psa. 50, 19. 20. Prov. 31, 8. 1 Pet. 4, 8. Gal. 6, 1. Mat. 7, 1. Röm. 14, 4. 10. 13.

The Ninth Commandment.

THOU shalt not covet thy Neighbour's House.

1 Joh. 2, 16. Gal. 5, 16. Micah, 2, 2. Rom. 7, 7. 8. 1 Tim 6, 9. 10.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Commandment?

A. We ought to fear and love God, lest we by Fraud go after the Inheritance or House of our Neighbour, or cause it to come into our Possession under any Appearance as tho' it belonged to us by Right: But we should rather assist him to have and to hold his proper Possession.

Mat. 23, 14. Phil. 2, 4. 1 Pet. 4, 10. Gen. 14, 23. 1 Kings c 21. 2 Kings 5, 20. seq.

The Tenth Commandment.

THOU shalt not covet thy Neighbours Wife, nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is thy Neighbours.

Jam. 1, 14 15. Mat. 5, 28. John 2, 15. Gen. 6; 5. c. 8, 21.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Commandment?

A. We ought to fear and love God, lest we deceitfully draw, persuade or coaks from our Neighbour, his Wife Servants or Cattle: But we should rather exhort and persuade them to continue in their Duty.

Mark. 6, 18. 1 Theff. 5, 14. 15. 2 Sam. 12. 39. Gen. 16, 19,

But what does God say concerning these Commandments in general?

In the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the Iniquity of the Fathers upon the Children unto the third and

fourth Generation of them that hate me: and shewing Mercy unto Thousands of them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

Malach. 1, 6. Deut. 32, 39. Nahum. 1, 2.
Deut. 4, 24. 2Pet. 2, 4-6. Exod. 32, 34. Lament. 5, 7.
Numb. 14, 33. 34. Psal. 144, 15. Isa. 3, 10.
c. 41, 10. 13. Malach. 3, 16. 18. 1 Kings 10, 30.
Psal. 103, 17. 18.

Q. What is the Meaning of these Words?

A. God threatens to punish all those that transgress these Commandments, therefore we ought to fear his Wrath, lest we offend against his Laws: But his Grace and all good Things he promises unto all those that keep his Commandments; therefore we ought to love him, to put our Confidence in him, and willingly to do according to his Commandments.

Psal. 7, 11-13. Jerem. 2, 19. Rom. 1, 18.
e. 2, 6-11. Zechar. 8, 13-15. 1 Tim. 4 8.
John. 14, 21. 23. c. 15, 10.

PART

P A R T II.

A plain Method of Teaching Children and young People, of the Creed.

The First Article of the Creation.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Article?

A. I believe that God has made me and all Creatures, that he has given me Body and Soul, Eyes, Ears and all my Members, Reason and all Senses; and that he still supports the same: that he also Provides for me, sufficiently and daily, Food, Raiment, House, Family, Goods and Cattle, and what soever is necessary for this temporal Life: That he protects me against all Perils, and preserves me from all Evils. And all this of his mere Grace and fatherly

Goodness, without any of my own Merits or Worthiness. For all which I am obliged to give Thanks and Praises to him, to obey and to serve him. Verily this is true.

Heb. 11, 6. Gal. 5, 6. Gen. 1, 2. 2 Tim. 1, 12. Ephes. 4, 6. Gen. 17, 1. Psal. 33, 6. Act. 14, 15-17. Job 10, 8-12. Colof. 1, 16. Act. 17, 28. Mat. 6, 31-33. Psal. 128. 3, 4. Psal. 104. 14. Psal. 145, 15. Mat. 5. 45. 1 Pet. 5, 7. Psal. 121, Psal. 91, 11. 12. Gen. 28, 20. 21. c. 32. 10. Rom. 11, 35. Ephes. 5, 20. Psal. 107. 8, 9. Psal. 100, 1. 2. Psal. 33, 4.

The Second Article, of the Redemption.

AND Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into Hell; the third Day he rose again from the Dead: He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the Right-Hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the Quick and the Dead.

Joh. 14, 1. Act. 16, 31. Mat. 1, 21. Luke 2, 11. Joh. 3, 16. Rom. 8, 32. 1 Cor. 8, 6. Luke 1, 35. Gal.

Gal. 4, 4. Luke 2, 4. 1 Pet. 2, 21. 1 Tim. 6, 13.
 1 Cor. 2, 2. 8. c. 15, 3. 4. Phil. 2, 6. 11. Ephes. 4, 9.
 Mat. 12, 40. 2 Tim. 2, 8. Act. 1, 9. 11. Mark. 16, 19.
 Mat. 28, 18. Ephes. 1, 20. Phil. 3, 20. Act. 10, 42.
 2 Cor 5, 10.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Article?

A. I believe that Jesus Christ (the true God, born of the Father from Eternity, and also true Man, born of the Virgin Mary) is my Lord; who has redeemed, bought and freed me lost and condemned Man, from all Sins, from Death and the Power of Satan; not with corruptible Silver or Gold, but with his holy and precious Blood and with his innocent Suffering and Death; to the End that I should intirely be his own, and live under him in his Kingdom, and serve him in a continual Righteousness, Innocency and Happiness, even as he rose from the Dead, liveth and reigneth in Eternity, Verily this is true.

Act. 8, 37. John 20, 31. 1 Joh. 5. 20. Rom. 9, 5.
 Mat. 16. 16. Psal. 2, 7. John 20, 28. Luke 19, 10.
 1 Tim. 2, 6, Mat. 20, 28. Col. 1, 14. Heb. 2, 14. 15.
 1 John 3, 8. Act. 20, 28. Rev. 1, 5. 6. 1 Pet. 1, 18. 19.
 2 Cor.

2 Cor. 5, 21. Tit. 2, 14. 2 Cor. 5, 15. Gal. 2, 20.
 Luke 1, 74. 75. Heb. 9, 14. Ephes. 4, 24. c. 5, 25-27.
 Rom. 6, 4. c. 14 9. c. 6, 9-11. 1 Tim. 1, 15.

The Third Article, of Sanctification.

I Believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy
 Catholick Church, the Communion
 of Saints, the Forgiveness of Sins; the
 Resurrection of the Body and the Life
 everlasting. Amen.

Heb. 12, 14. 2 Thes. 2, 13. 1 Cor. 3. 16.
 John 15, 26. Ephes. 4, 3-6. c. 5, 23-26. 1 Cor. 12, 13.
 1 Joh. 1, 3. 2 Tim. 2, 19. Psal. 103. 3. 4.
 Job. 19, 25-27. 1 Cor. 15, 42. Rom. 6, 24
 1 Pet. 1, 4. 2 Cor. 1, 20.

Q. What is the Meaning of
 this Article?

A. I believe, that I by the strength of
 my own Reason cannot believe nor come
 unto my Lord Jesus Christ unless the
 holy Spirit has called me through the
 Gospel, enlightned me with his Gifts,
 sanctified and preserved me in the true
 Faith; even as he calleth, gathereth, en-
 lightneth and sanctifieth the whole
 Church on Earth, and the same pre-
 fer-

veth in one true Faith in Jesus Christ: In which Church he daily and willingly forgiveth me and all Believers, all Sins; and will at the last Day awake me and all the Dead, and give me together with all Believers in Christ, eternal Life. Verily this is true.

1 Cor. 2, 14. 1 Cor. 12, 3. Joh 6, 44. 2 Tim. 1, 9.
 Rom. 10, 14-17. 2 Cor. 4, 6. John 17, 17..
 1 Cor. 6, 11. Phil. 1, 6. Act. 17, 30. Mat. 23, 37.
 1 Pet. 5, 10. Jam. 2, 17. Act. 10, 43. Luke 24, 47.
 1 Joh. 1, 8. 9. c. 2, 1. Joh. 5, 28. Rom. 8, 11.
 Rev. 19, 9. c. 21.

PART III.

The Lords Prayer contains seven Petitions.

INTRODUCTION.

OUR Father which art in Heaven.

Q. What is the Meaning of these Words?

A. God will most kindly invite us, to believe that he is our true Father,
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and that we are his true Children; that so we may the more freely and confidently pray unto him as good Children do to their dear Patents.

Luke 11, 1. Mat. 6, 9. seq. John 4, 24. c. 16, 23. Mal. 2, 10. 1 Tim. 2, 1. Jer. 23, 23. 24. Rom. 8, 15-17. Ephe. 3, 12, 14. 15. Heb. 4, 16. Mat. 7, 7-11. Gen. 18, 22. seq.

The First Petition.

HALLOWED be thy Name.

Pfal. 8, 1. Isa. 6, 3. Psal. 115, 1. Rev. 4, 8.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Petition?

A. The Name of God is indeed holy in itself; but in this Petition we pray, that it may also be hallowed amongst us.

1 Pet. 1, 15. 16. c. 3, 15. Psal. 67, 2. seq.

Q. How and when does that come to pass?

A. When the Word of God is preached purely and sincerely, and we do live a pious Life accordingly, as it becomes the Children of God; which grant unto us, O Heavenly Father! But whosoever teaches

teaches and lives otherwise, he profanes the Name of God amongst us, from which deliver us, O Heavenly Father!

John 17, 17. 2 Cor. 2, 17. Jam. 1, 22. Psal. 86, 11.
1 Tim. 6, 3. Rom. 2, 23. 24. Psal. 50, 16. 17.
Psal. 141, 3, 4.

The Second Petition.

THY Kingdom come.

Luke 11, 20. Rom. 14, 17. 18. Luke 17, 20. 21.
2 Tim. 4, 18. Psal. 103, 19.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Petition?

A. The Kingdom of God comes indeed by itself, without our Prayer; but in this Petition we pray, that it may also come unto us!

Q. How and when does that come to pass?

A. When our heavenly Father gives us his holy Spirit, so that we through his Grace believe his holy Word, and

accordingly live a godly Life here in Time and afterwards in Eternity.

Luke 11, 13. Psal. 51, 12. 13. 1 Thes. 2, 13. 2 Pet. 1, 3. Tit. 2, 11. 12.

The Third Petition.

THY Will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven.

John 6, 40. 2 Pet. 3, 9. 1 Thes. 4, 3. Psal. 103, 20. 21. Rom. 12, 2. Heb. 13, 20. 21.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Petition?

A. The good and gracious Will of God does indeed come to pass without our Prayer; but in this Petition we pray, that it may also be done amongst us.

Q. How and when does that come to pass?

A. When God hinders our carnal Will and subdues all Evil Counsels and Designs of the Devil and of the World, which will not suffer that we hallow the Name of God nor his Kingdom to come unto us: And when God preserves us and keeps us constant in his Word and

in Faith, unto the End of our Life.
This is his good and gracious Will.

Pfal. 33, 10. Rom. 16, 20. 2 Tim. 2, 25. 26.
Gal. 5, 17. 2 Cor. 4, 4. 1 John 5, 19. c. 2, 15. 17.
Mat. 28, 7. 9. Eph. 2, 3. 1 Pet. 5, 8. 10. 1 Cor. 1, 8.
2 Thes. 3, 3.

The Fourth Petition.

GIVE us this Day our daily Bread.

Q. What is the Meaning
of this Petition?

A. God gives indeed daily Bread un-
to all Men without our Prayer, even
unto the Wicked; but in this Petition
we pray that we may learn to acknow-
ledge this Benefit and with Thanks-gi-
ving to receive our daily Bread.

2 Thes. 3, 10. seq. Gen. 3, 19. Heb. 13, 5.
1 Tim. 6, 6. 7. Prov. 30, 8. Act. 14, 17. Mat. 6, 34.
Pfal. 145, 15. 16. Mat. 5, 45. Jerem. 5, 24.
Gen. 32, 10. Act. 17, 27. 1 Tim. 4, 4. 5.
Prov. 10, 22. Deut. 8, 10.

Q. What is meant by daily
Bread?

A. All Things that pertain to the
Support and Necessities of this Life;

as Meat, Drink, Cloaths, House and Abode, Fields, Cattle, Goods and Money; good Spouse, good Children, good Servants; good and just Magistrates and Rulers; good Weather, Peace Health; good Education and good Name; good Friends and faithful Neighbours; and such like, &c.

The Fifth Petition.

AND forgive us our Trespases, as we forgive them that Trespas, against us.

Q. What is the Meaning of Petition?

A. In this Petition we pray, that our heavenly Father would not look upon our Sins, nor for their Sake reject our Prayer; for we are not worthy of any Thing we ask, nor can we merit any Thing: But that he would give us all Things freely out of his Grace and Goodness; because we sin daily in many Ways and deserve nothing but Punishment; therefore we ought also to forgive with all our Hearts them that Tre-

Trespas against us, and willingly to do good unto them,

1 John 1, 9. Rom. 3, 23. Jer. 31, 34.
 Mat. 18, 21. seq. c. 6, 14, 15. Luk. 17, 3. 4.
 Psal. 51, 3. 11. c. 143, 2. John. 9, 31. Ies. 59, 1. 2.
 Dan. 9, 18. 19. Psal. 19, 12, c. 130, 3. 4. Col. 3, 3.
 Rom. 12, 20. Luk. 23, 34. Act. 7, 60.

The Sixth Petition.

AND lead us not into Temptation,

Q. What is the Meaning of this Petition?

A. Indeed God tempteth no Men; but in this Petition we pray, that God would protect and keep us, lest the Devil the World and our own Flesh seduce and draw us from the true Faith and lead us into Superstition, Despair Security, or some other gross Sins and heinous Offences; and in case we should be tempted, that we still conquer and at last Triumph over our Temptations.

Mat. 4, 1. seq. Gen. 22, 1. seq. Psal. 66, 10.
 Rev. 3, 10. 2 Pet. 2, 9. Jam. 1, 13. 14. 1 Thes. 3, 5.
 Prov. 1, 10. 1 Pet. 2, 11. Luke 22, 31. 32.
 1 Cor. 10, 13. Ephes. 6, 13. 1 John 5, 4.

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The Seventh Petition.

BUT deliver us from Evil.

Q. What is the Meaning of this Petition ?

A. In this Petition we pray, as in a Summary, that our heavenly Father would deliver us from all Evil that may attend both Body and Soul, Fortune and Honour; and lastly, when our dying Hour is come. that he would grant us a blessed End, and graciously translate uu from this Valley of Miseries, unto himself in Heaven,

John 17, 15. Psal. 25, 22. Rom. 8, 23. Psal. 121. Rom. 7, 24. 25. Psal. 42, 1. 2. Job. 1, 10. c. 42, 10. c. 14, 5. Luke 2, 29. Ephes. 2, 8. 9. 1 Tim. 4, 18. Act. 7, 59. Luke 16, 22.

Conclusion.

FOR thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory for ever and ever, Amen.

1 Chro. 29, 11. 12. Ephes. 3, 20. Dan. 7, 14.

Q. What

Q. What is the Meaning of this Word? Amen.

A. Amen is as much as Verily; namely that I may be sure, that such Prayers are accepted and heard of our heavenly Father: For himself has commanded us thus to pray, and promised that he will hear us. Amen, Amen, that is, Verily Verily it shall come to pass.

Pfal. 10, 17. Psal. 102, 17. seq. 1 John 5, 14, 15.
Pfal. 91, 14, 15. John 16, 23. 2 Cor. 1, 20.
Isa. 65, 24.

P A R T IV.

What is Baptism?

BAPTISM is not bare Water, but it is Water, commanded by the Word of God, and sealed with the same.

1 John 5, 8. Ephes. 5, 25, John 3, 5.

Q. Which is that Word of God?

A. That which our Lord Jesus Christ says in the last Chapter of Matthew: Go

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ye, and make all Nations my Disciples, baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Mark. 10, 14. 1 Cor. 4, 1.

Q. VVhat is the Effect of Baptism?

A. Baptism is a Means of the forgiveness of Sins, of the Deliverance from Death and Hell, and of obtaining eternal Life for every one that believeth the Word and Promise of God.

Act. 2, 38. 1 Cor. 6, 11. Heb. 11, 6.

Q. Which is that Word and Promise of God?

A. That which our Lord Jesus Christ says in the last Chapter of Mark: He that believeth and is Baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned.

Act. 8, 37.

Q. How can Water perform such great Things

A. Water does it not indeed, but the Word of God, which is in and together with

with the Water, and Faith which firmly believeth the Word of God in the Water. For without the Word of God, Water is nothing but Water, and is no Baptism; but with the Word of God, it is a Baptism, that is, a Salutary Water of Grace and Life, and the Washing of Regeneration in the Holy Ghost; as St. Paul says to Titus in the 3d Chapter: According to his Mercy he saved us, by the Washing of Regeneration and Renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his Grace, we should be made Heirs, according to the Hope of Eternal Life. This is a faithful Saying.

1 Pet. 1, 23. c. 3. 21. Gal. 3, 26. 27.

Q. But what is the Signification of Baptism in Water?

A. It signifies, that the old Adam which still remains in us, ought to be drowned and extinguished thro' a daily Repentance, together with all Sins and Evil Desires; and again daily to come up and arise a new Man, that may live

a righteous and sober Life before God for ever and ever.

Gal. 5. 24. Col. 3. 5-10. Rom. 6, 12.

Q. Where is that written?

A. Saint Paul says to the Romans in the 6th Chapter; we are buried with Christ by Baptism into Death; that like as Christ was raised up from the Dead by the Glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in Newness of Life.

Ephes. 4, 22-24. 1 Cor. 10, 1-5. 2 Cor. 7, 1.

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Of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Q. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. The Lord's Supper is the real Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under Bread and Wine, instituted by

by Christ himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink.

1 Cor. 11, 23. c. 10. 16.

Q. Where is that written?

A. Thus it is written by the Holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul.

Our Lord Jesus Christ in the same Night that he was betrayed, took Bread, and when he had given Thanks, he brake it and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body; which is given for you: Do this in Remembrance of me.

Likewise after Supper he took the Cup, and when he had given Thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this, for this is my Blood of the new Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the Remission of Sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drinkit, in Remembrance of me.

Gal. 3, 15. 1 Cor. 11, 26. 1 John 1, 6.

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Q. What is the Effect or Benefit of such Eating and Drinking?

A. This is indicated by these Words: For you given and shed for the Remission of Sins. Namely, that in this Sacrament there is given us Remission of Sins (in our Conscience) Life and Happiness thro' these Words. For where-ever the Remission of Sins is, there is Life and Happiness indeed.

Ephes. 1, 7. John 6, 54. 56. Rom. 4, 7. 8.

Q. How can the bodily Eating and Drinking perform such great Things?

A. The Eating and Drinking does it not, but the Words that are mentioned here; For you given and shed for the Remission of Sins; which Words together with the bodily Eating and Drinking are the Sum of this Sacrament. And whosoever believeth these Words,

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he has what they contain and imply, namely, the Remission of Sins.

1 Cor. 11, 28. Act. 10, 43.

Q. How may this Sacrament be worthily received?

A. To fast and prepare the Body is indeed a good external Exercise; but he is truly worthy and well prepared, who has Faith to believe these Words: For you given and shed for the Remission of Sins. But whosoever does not believe or doubts about them; he is unworthy and unprepared. Because the Word, for you, requires absolutely a Heart that believeth.

1 Cor. 14, 40. Rom, 14, 23. 1 Cor. 11, 28.

Confession.

O Merciful God and heavenly Father, of whose Mercies there is no End; thou who art gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and Truth; who forgiveest Iniquity, Transgression and Sin. We have Sinned, we and our Fathers;
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we have Trespasſed and have done wickedly and have offended againſt thee, againſt thee only have we ſinned and done Evil before thee: But remember not our former Iniquities: Have Mercy upon us ſpeedily, for we are become very miſerable: Help us O God our Helper, for the Glory of thy Name: Save us and forgive us all our Sins; and give us Grace to amend our ſinful Lives. and with thee to obtain eternal Life; through thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, Amen.

Morning and Evening Prayers.

I thank thee O heavenly Father thro' Jeſus Chriſt thy beloved Son, that thou ſo graciouſly haſt preſerved me from all Dangers and Perils in this Night (Day) And I pray thee, that thou would'ſt forgive me all my Sins, and alſo graciouſly protect me this Day (Night) and Save me from Sin and all Evil; ſo that all my Doings and my whole Life may be well pleaſing unto thee; for I commit myſelf, my Body and Soul and all Things, into thy Hands Thy Holy
Angel

Angel be with me lest the Enemy get Advantage over me. Amen! Our Father &c.

The Lord blefs us, and keep us!

The Lord make his Face shiue upon us and be gracious unto us.

The Lord lift up his Countenance upon us and give us Peace.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Grace before Meat.

Pfal. 145, 15, 16. The Eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord! and thou givest them their Meat in due Season; thou openest thine Hand and satisfiest the Desire of every living Thing. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Bless us, O God our heavenly Father, and these thy Creatures, which we are

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now

now to receive through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Grace after Meat.

Pfal. 136, 1. 147. 9. O give Thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his Mercy endureth for ever: He giveth to the Beast his Food, and to the Young Ravens which cry.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Our Father, &c.

We Thank thee O God our heavenly Father, for all the good things thou hast bestowed on us, and especially for these thy Creatures which we of thy Goodness have now received: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Oeconomical Table.

In which there are set forth some Sentences of the Holy Scripture for any State of Life; by which every one may have a Memorandum of his Duty.

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I. In the Ecclesiastical State.

The Duty of Bishops and Ministers.

1 Tim. 3, 2-4. 6. A Bishop must be blameless, the Husband of one Wife, vigilant, sober, of good Behaviour, given to Hospitality, apt to teach, Tit. 1, 7-9.

The Duty of the Hearers towards their Ministers.

Luke 10, 7. 1 Cor. 9, 14. Gal. 6, 6. 7.
1 Tim. 5, 17. 18. 1 Thes. 5, 12.. 13 Heb 13, 17.
Obey them that have the Rule over you and submit your selves: for they watch for your Souls, as they that must give Account; that they may do it with joy and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you.

II. In the Political State.

The Duty of the Magistrates.

Rom. 13, 1. 2. 4. Let every Soul, be subject unto the higher Powers: For there is no Power but of God: the Powers that be, are ordained of God

The Duty of Subjects.

Mat. 22, 21. Rom. 13, 5. 7. 1 Pet. 2, 13. 14.
1 Tim. 2, 1. 2. 3. Tit. 3, 1. Put them in mind to be subject to Principalities and Powers, to obey Magistrates.

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III. In the Oeconomical State.

The Duty

A. of the Husbands. 1 Pet. 3, 7. Ephes. 5, 25.
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I. of All and every one. Rom. 13, 9. Thou
shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self. 1 Tim. 2, 1,

Where all do know, and do their Duties well.
How good is it in such a House to dwell.

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