A Catechism.

Quest. What is thy duty towards thy Neighbour?

Answer. My duty towards my Neighbour is, to love him as myself, and to do to all men, as I would they should do unto me; To love, honour, and succour my father and mother; To honour, and obey the King, and all that are put in authority under him; To submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters; To order myself lowly and reverently to all my betters; To hurt no body by word or deed; To be true and just in all my dealings; To bear no malice nor hatred in my heart; To keep my hands from picking and stealing, and my tongue from evil-speaking, lying and slander; To keep my temperance, soberness, and chastity: Not to covet nor desire other men’s goods; but to learn and labour truly to get mine own living, and to do my duty in that state of life, unto which it shall please God to call me.

Catechism. My good child, know this, that thou art not able to do these things of thyself, nor to walk in the commandments of God, and to serve him, without his special grace, which thou must learn at all times, to call for by diligent Prayer. Let me hear therefore if thou canst say the Lord’s Prayer?

Answer. Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Quest. What defendest thou of God in this Prayer?

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

Question.

How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?

Answer. Two only, as generally necessary to salvation; that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.

Quest. What meanest thou by this word Sacrament?

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

Quest. How many parts are there in a Sacrament?

Answer. Two: the outward visible sign, and the inward spiritual grace.

Quest. What is the outward visible sign, or form in Baptism?

Answer. Water: wherein the person is baptized, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Quest. What is the inward and spiritual grace?

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

Quest. What is required of persons to be baptized?

Answer. Repentance whereby they forfake sin; and faith, whereby they steadfastly believe the promises of God made to them in that Sacrament.

Quest. Why then are Infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform them?

Answer. Because they promise them both by their Sureties: which promise, when they come to age, themselves are bound to perform.

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