
CHAPTER 27: OF THE SACRAMENTS

1. *SACRAMENTS are holy signs and seals of the covenant of grace,¹ immediately instituted by God,² to represent Christ and his benefits, and to confirm our interest in him;³ as also to put a visible difference between those that belong unto the church and the rest of the world;⁴ and solemnly to engage them to the service of God in Christ, according to his word.⁵*

1. Rom. 4:11; Gen. 17:7, 10.

2. Matt. 28:19; I Cor. 11:23.

3. I Cor. 10:16; I Cor. 11:25-26; Gal. 3:27; Gal. 3:17.

4. Rom. 15:8; Exod. 12:48; Gen. 34:14.

5. Rom. 6:3-4; I Cor. 10:16, 21

Notes:

- Summary: Definition of Sacraments
 - Holy Signs and Seals
 - Instituted by God
 - Act of Identification
 - Act of Separation
 - Act of Dedication

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2. *There is in every sacrament a spiritual relation, or sacramental union, between the sign and the thing signified; whence it comes to pass, that the names and effects of the one are attributed to the other.⁶*

6. Gen. 17:10; Matt. 26:27-28; Tit. 3:5.

Notes:

- Summary: Aspects of Sacraments
 - Two Aspects
 - Sign
 - Thing signified
 - Name and effects attributed to the sign

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3. *The grace which is exhibited in or by the sacraments, rightly used, is not conferred by any power in them; neither doth the efficacy of a sacrament depend upon the piety or intention of him that doth administer it,⁷ but upon the work of the Spirit,⁸ and the word of institution; which contains, together with a precept authorizing the use thereof, a promise of benefit to worthy receivers.⁹*

7. Rom. 2:28-29; I Pet. 3:21.

8. Matt. 3:11; I Cor. 12:13.

9. Matt. 26:7-8; Matt. 28:19-20.

Notes:

- Summary: Efficacy of Sacraments
 - Not in the Sign
 - Not in the Administrator
 - Work of the Spirit and Word of Institution

4. *There be only two sacraments ordained by Christ our Lord in the gospel, that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord; neither of which may be dispensed by any but by a minister of the word, lawfully ordained.*¹⁰

10. Matt. 28:19; I Cor. 11:20, 23; I Cor. 4:1; Heb. 5:4.

Notes:

- Summary: Types of Sacraments
 - Two Types
 - Baptism
 - Lord's Supper
 - To be administered by the lawfully ordained minister of the Word.

5. *The sacraments of the Old Testament, in regard of the spiritual things thereby signified and exhibited, were, for substance, the same with those of the New.*¹¹

11. I Cor. 10:1-4.

Notes:

- Summary: Sacraments in the Old and New Testaments
 - New Testament sacraments signify the same things as Old Testament sacraments.