

*another* point of view in which it must also be considered as necessary to salvation, on account of the benefits which we receive thereby. Jesus Christ himself has emphatically declared, "Except ye eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." Who then that is conscious of his need of being cleansed from his sins by the blood of Christ will neglect the observance of that holy ordinance, in which this cleansing from sin is so emphatically promised, with the partaking of which the promise of eternal life is so plainly connected. This is the blessing which Christ shed his blood to purchase—the pearl of great price which he has purchased for all mankind, and which he offers freely to *all*, but which will eventually be enjoyed by *none* but those who embrace him by faith in his blood, and who shew forth that faith by observing all his commandments, especially the last and greatest of all.

Let us, then, place our sure and certain confidence in him, undoubtingly believing that God the Father, who spared not his Son, but gave him for us, will with him also give us all things necessary for our salvation—that God the Son, who hath redeemed us by his cross, will never leave nor forsake his faithful followers—and that God the Holy Ghost will continue to sanctify those whom he hath regenerated at their baptism, and constantly strengthen them with his assisting grace—pro-