

may choose to be guided by the depravity of nature, as a whole.

JUSTIFICATION WITH ITS ATTENDANT BLESSINGS

We presume it will not be doubted, that a child dying in infancy, must be justified, regenerated and adopted, in order to its admission to heaven. Such is the opinion, we believe of all the grand Sections of the Christian Church. The Westminster "Confession" distinctly declares it, and, so do our own doctrinal Standards. Watson remarks, "All the mystery in the case arises from this, that in adults we see the 'free gift' connected with its end, actual justification, by acts of their own, repentance and faith; but, as to infants we are not informed by what process justification with its attendant blessings, is actually bestowed, though the words of the Apostles are express, that through 'the righteousness of one,' they are entitled to it. Nor is it surprising that this process should be hidden from us, since the Gospel was written for adults, though the benefit of it is designed for all; and, the knowledge of this work of God, in the spirit of an infant, must presuppose an acquaintance with the properties of the human soul, which is, in fact out of our reach."—*Instit. Vol. 2, Page 59.*

Now, if we do not regard it absurd or impossible for a dying child to become partaker of "justification with its attendant blessings," we should not regard it as absurd or impossible, for any