

A sixth distinctive principle of the Church is the doctrine of *Justification by Faith*. Nothing can be more explicit than the language of Article 11. "We are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by Faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore that we are justified by Faith only is a most wholesome Doctrine and very full of comfort." The Justification of sinful man before the Holy God on account of the meritorious life and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus, and that alone, is a vital Church principle. She stands as she holds fast by that Article of Faith, she falls as she rejects or slights it.

A seventh distinctive principle of the Church is *her wise estimate of the Sacraments*. Remembering that the two Sacraments of the Gospel are such as were given unto us, ordained by Christ Himself, the Church's Divine Head, they must be worthy of honor and blessed Means of Grace. And so it is affirmed in the Articles of the first, which is Baptism:—"It is a sign of Regeneration or New Birth, whereby, as by an instrument, they that receive baptism rightly are grafted into the Church, the promises of the forgiveness of sin and of our adoption to be the Sons of God by the Holy Ghost are visibly signed and sealed. The baptism of young children is in any wise to be retained in the