

What does such faith imply? Trust, hope and confidence in God, as well as belief in His being.

What does the word God mean? Good, the good One.

How many Gods are there?

How many persons?

What is the beginning of all true religion? To believe in one God. (*Deut. vi. 4; 1 Corinth. viii., 6.*)

Do we know all about God? No, we cannot in this life.

How must we speak of Him? Carefully? With reference.

Why is God called the Father? Chiefly because He is the Father of our Blessed Lord. *St. John* xx. 17.

And for what other reasons! Because He made all things. *Heb. xi. 13.* Because He cares for all things. (*St. Matt. vi. 26*) Because we are His own children. *2 Corinth. vi. 18.*

Now what does Almighty mean?

What text proves this? "With God all things are possible." *St. Matt. xix. 26.*

Of what is God the maker?

How is this explained in Nicene Creed.

How did God make all things? "He commanded and they were created." *Psaln cxlviii. 5.*

In what space of time?

What was His noblest work?

Why did God create all things? For His pleasure. *Revel. iv. 11.*

As we thus know God, what should we do? Love Him, reverence and serve Him.

And what else? Hate sin, because He hates it.

How can we honor God? By honoring His Son. *St. John* v. 23.

How must we come to God? Through the Son. *St. John* xiv. 6.

How must we pray to God? In His Son's Name. *St. John* xvi. 23.

THE ESSENTIALS OF BAPTISM.

PEOPLE are so often confused by the din of the controversy raised by the Baptists over the mode of Baptism, that they are too apt to lose sight of what the essential features of the Sacrament really are. It is not the *quantity* of water that makes the Sacrament valid. The Baptists say Immersion, and Immersion only, is Baptism. The Bible says "Water (that is any

quantity of water,) in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." It is, as the Apostle says, "Not the washing away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God." The Church has, therefore, at no time since Apostolic days, laid stress upon the quantity of water that shall be used, but has only insisted that water shall be applied to the person in the name of the Blessed Trinity.

INFANT BAPTISM.

THE question as to who are the proper subjects for Baptism is a much more important matter than the quantity of water used in the Holy Rite. There never was a time for the first 1500 years after Christ when Infant Baptism was not practised by the Church. The dangerous error of the Baptists would make a child unfit for the Kingdom of God on earth, although they care not to deny it a place in the Kingdom in Heaven. Christ said, "Suffer the children to come unto Me and forbid them not," and in obedience to the Master's command a place has ever been found for them in His Body, the Church. But the Baptists, "wise above that which is written," would keep them away from Him.

THE PEOPLE'S GIFTS.

EVERY Incumbent of a Parish should particularly see that every man, woman and child of his flock is called upon at stated times to contribute something towards the Missions of the Church. It is only in this way that the work of the Church can make progress; and