

A CATECHISM OF BAPTISM.

FIRST PART.

I.—DIFFERENT BAPTISMS.

1. ARE there different baptisms mentioned in the Scriptures?

Yes. Jewish baptisms, or the baptisms required by the Mosaic ritual. John's baptism. Christian baptism, or the baptism of water required in the Christian dispensation. And the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

II.—JEWISH BAPTISMS.

2. What were the Jewish baptisms?

Various washings imposed by the Mosaic ritual, and which were to continue until the beginning of the Christian dispensation. Hebrews 9:8-10: "Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, (*baptisms* in the original Greek,) and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation."

3. To what did these baptisms pertain?

These divers baptisms were ordinances pertaining to the flesh or body; they were therefore personal.

4. How is it shown that these baptisms were personal?

The Apostle contrasts the inefficacy of these various baptisms, visibly applied to the person to purify the conscience, with the sufficient efficacy of the blood of Christ when sprinkled in behalf of the person. Hebrews 9:13, 14: "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the