

## CHRISTIAN SACRAMENTS.

### I. BAPTISM.

1. Christian baptism is a religious rite, consisting of an external application of water to a person in a justified relation to God, or earnestly seeking such a relation, by an authorized minister of the Gospel, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matt. xxviii. 19; Acts viii. 26-39; x. 47, 48.

2. Christian baptism was instituted by our Lord after his resurrection, and enjoined by his Apostles. Matt. xxviii. 19; Acts ii. 38.

3. It is an outward and visible sign and seal of inward grace, either sought or attained: Of saving grace sought, Acts ii. 38; viii. 36, 37; of saving grace attained, Gal. iii. 27; 1 Pet. iii. 21.

4. It is an initiatory rite by which