

*to them the saving truths of the Gospel of which she is the minister ; not another Gospel of Christian culture, but the old, universal Gospel of pardon through Christ.*

The Church takes the children in, not because they have salvation already, but because *they need it* ; and have *a right to it* by God's covenant of mercy under which they have been born ; and the Church has the word of that salvation, and is *in duty bound to give it to them*, as soon as they are able to receive it. And in so doing she is truly fulfilling the command of the Lord, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God."

