

# The Thirty-nine Articles of Religion



# XXV. Of the Sacraments.

Sacraments ordained of Christ be not only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they be certain sure witnesses, and effectual signs of grace, and God's good will towards us, by the which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm our Faith in him.



**There are two Sacraments  
ordained of Christ our Lord in  
the Gospel, that is to say,  
Baptism, and the Supper of the  
Lord...**

**The Sacraments were not  
ordained of Christ to be gazed  
upon, or to be carried about,  
but that we should duly use  
them. And in such only as  
worthily receive the same they  
have a wholesome effect or  
operation:**



but they that receive them  
unworthily purchase to  
themselves damnation, as  
Saint Paul saith.



## XXVII. Of Baptism.

Baptism is not only a sign of profession, and mark of difference, whereby Christian men are discerned from others that be not christened, but it is also 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 forgiveness of sin, and of our adoption to be the sons of God by the Holy Ghost, are visibly signed and sealed; Faith is confirmed, and Grace increased by virtue of prayer unto God.

The Baptism of young Children is in any wise to be retained in the Church, as most agreeable with the institution of Christ.

