

LUTHER'S PSALM.

A safe stronghold our God is still. A trusty shield and weapon;

With force of arms we nothing can, Full soon were we down-riden;

God's Word, for all their craft and forge, One moment will not linger,

And though they take our life, Goods, honor, children, wife,

Visitor Pulpit.

(Continued.) BAPTISMAL REGENERATION.

A Sermon Delivered June 5th, 1864, by the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.

PART II.

We ourselves are not dubious on this point, we protest that persons are not saved by being baptized.

But it strikes me that a more forcible argument is that the dogma is not supported by facts.

Do you believe that these men, many of whom have been living by plunder, felony, burglary, or forgery, are regenerate?

Yet further, I am persuaded that the performance styled baptism by the Prayer Book is not at all likely to regenerate and save.

most surely keep and perform. Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, this infant must also faithfully, for his part, promise by you that are his sureties

Surely the infant has no desire in the matter, or at least, no one has been authorized to declare any desires on his behalf.

shall have a confirmed belief that the God of truth never did and never will confirm a spiritual blessing of the highest order in connection with the utterance of such false promises

I have not done with this point, I must take another case, and suppose the sponsors and others to be ungodly, and this is no hard supposition,

PART III.

But you will say "Why do you cry out against it?" I cry out against it because I believe that baptism does not save the soul,

certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life." Now, what can be the influence of such preaching as this upon our beloved England?

Here let me bring in another point. It is a most fearful fact, that in no age since the Reformation has Popery made such fearful strides in England

Popery is making advances such as you would never believe, though a spectator should tell it to you. Close to your very doors, perhaps even in your own houses, you may have evidence ere long of what a march Romanism is making.

soft and smooth as possible, that converts may travel down to the nettle most hell of Popery. We want Luther to tell men the truth, mistakably, in homely phrase.

(Concluded next week.)

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