

INTERPERSONALISM AND ORDINANCES

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Baptism and the Lord's Supper are performative acts, acts by which the performer "says something." Their meaning comes from what we mean into them; otherwise, they have no meaning. That indicates that they are not rituals done to us by which grace comes to us automatically by virtue of the ritual itself somehow or by virtue of the legitimized authority of the administrator. There is value that comes on us, but it comes on us from God on the prior condition of our commitment to him as communicated by the performative act.

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