



# Origines Ecclesiasticae (Volume 8 ) Or, the Antiquities of the Christian Church and Other Works with the Quotations at Length, in the Original Langua

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This historic book may have numerous typos, missing text, images, or index. Purchasers can download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. 1840. Not illustrated. Excerpt: ... allowed to baptize in cases of the like necessity, and their baptism be valid? 10. Whether heretical and schismatical priests be any better qualified to administer baptism than Catholic laymen? 11. Whether their baptism be either legal or valid? 12. Lastly, Whether baptism administered by Turks, Jews, or infidels, be of any account in the Christian Church? The distinct consideration of these several questions will take in every thing that relates to this subject: and what I propose is, to give some resolution of them, so far as may be collected from the general sense and practice of the Church, both ancient and modern beginning first with the practice of the ancient Church, then examining the rules of the modern Greek Church, and, last of all, the Churches of the Reformation. Sect. II.-- The Commission given to the Apostles to Baptize, by them communicated to others. at Discretion. To begin with the practice of the ancient Church. It is certain, the commission to baptize was originally given by our Saviour to the eleven apostles: for so it is expressly said (Matth. xxviii. 16, &c.): Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth: go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Now by the tenour of this commission it is certain, they were invested with authority not only to baptize themselves, but to communicate this power to others: for the commission and power of baptizing was not to die with them, but to c...

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