

Luther says: "[I]t is not baptism that justifies or benefits anyone, but it is faith in that word of promise to which baptism is added" (LW 36:66).

But then, to follow up Luther's own statement in the same text that, if he were to speak "according to the usage of the scriptures" (1 Tim 3:16), he should have "only one single sacrament, but with three sacramental signs" (18; cf. 93: "Christ himself is called a 'sacrament'"), would be to say, *mutatis mutandis*: "It is not Christ that justifies or benefits anyone, but it is faith in that word of promise to which Christ is added."

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