

Ball, Benjamin – Relation

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I believe in one god in three parsons and I believe
that god made man holy and uprite but man being
left to the freedom of his own will fell from that
Estate lost the image of god and So became dead to all
good but [^]god of his infinite marcy was pleasd to provide
a Saviour Jesus Christ that whosoever ~~that~~ believeth in him
Shall not pirish but have Everlasting life but god of his
infinite marcy has ben pleasd to Show me in Some mesure
the lost and ondone Condishon that I am in by nature and
the need that I have to ~~apply~~ [^]rely ~~to~~ [^]on the blod of Christ for
Cleansing and that I cannot have peace with god [^]without being ~~only~~
~~to be~~ Justifid by the riteousness of Christ and ~~to Sanctify~~
~~be~~ sanctified by his holy Spirit. I desire to bless god
that I was born and brought up under the preching
of the gospil and that I was Early given up to god in
baptism and I would take my baptismel Vows upon my Self
and make it my own act and dede and I desire to exept
of Christ as the only mediator betwen god and man

but I must confess that I have lived contrary to the
marcys that I have injoyed I have had a desire ~~befer~~ to come
for Sum time but asence of my own unworthyness I was
afraid to come but takeing incoragement from divers
places of Scripture Come unto me all ye that labour
and are heavy leaden and I will give you rest
let him that is athust Come and whosoever will let
him come and take of the waters of life freely
So I would come and desirering god to ennoble me
to cast my Sole into the armes of ableeding Saviour
and resolveing if I perish to perish in the way
and means that god hath apointed and I would
desiar your prayers to god for me that I might be
aworthy partaker at the Lord table and ask your
exceptance of me

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