

**20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?**

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

**Conclusion to the  
Christian Questions with Their Answers**

*Note:* These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked."

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blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?**

Yes, I believe it.

**14. What convinces you to believe this?**

The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

**15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?**

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

**16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?**

First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

**17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?**

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

**18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?**

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

**19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?**

First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

**4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?**

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Rom. 6:21, 23.

**5. Do you hope to be saved?**

Yes, that is my hope.

**6. In whom then do you trust?**

In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

**7. Who is Christ?**

The Son of God, true God and man.

**8. How many Gods are there?**

Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?**

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

**10. Did the Father also die for you?**

He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

**11. How do you know this?**

From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

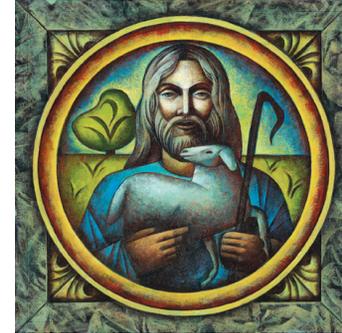
**12. What are the words of institution?**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My

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## Section IV

### Christian Questions with Their Answers

***Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.***

*[The “Christian Questions with Their Answers,” designating Luther as the author, first appeared in an edition of the Small Catechism in 1551, five years after Luther’s death.]*

*After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:*

*These do not have to be memorized, but you should read them and believe the answers are true and correct. If you disagree with these answers or feel you do not understand them please speak with the pastor. He is there to help you and to care for your soul.*

**1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?**

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

**2. How do you know this?**

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

**3. Are you sorry for your sins?**

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.



### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power  
and the glory  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**



## **Section I**

### **The Ten Commandments**

*As the head of the family should teach them  
in a simple way to his household.*

#### **The First Commandment**

You shall have no other gods.

#### **The Second Commandment**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

#### **The Third Commandment**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

#### **The Fourth Commandment**

Honor your father and your mother.

**The Fifth Commandment**

You shall not murder.

**The Sixth Commandment**

You shall not commit adultery.

**The Seventh Commandment**

You shall not steal.

**The Eighth Commandment**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**The Ninth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

**The Tenth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.



**The Creed**

*As the head of the family should teach them  
in a simple way to his household.*

**The First Article: Creation**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**The Second Article: Redemption**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**The Third Article: Sanctification**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.