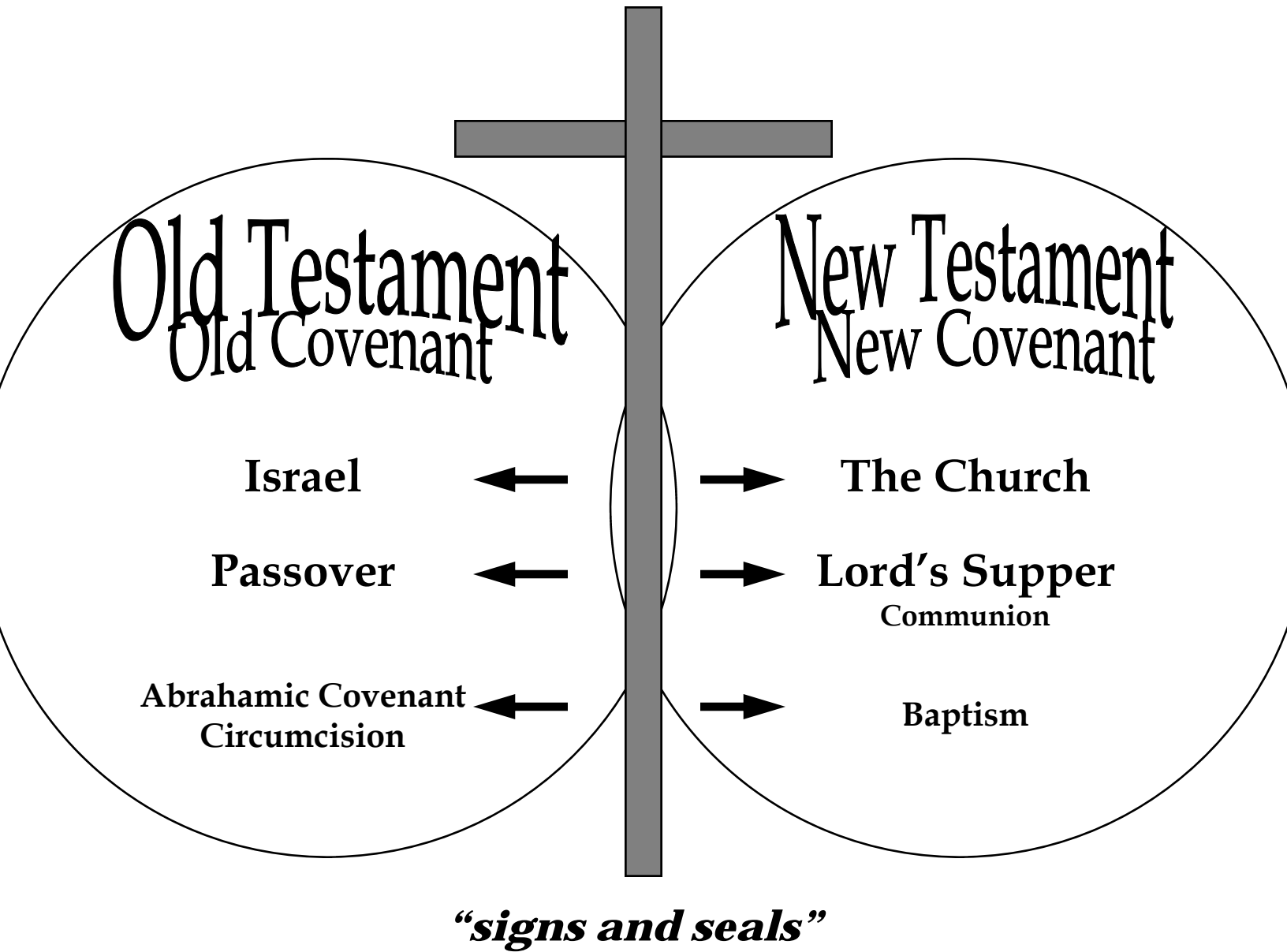


Lord's Day 25-30
"The Means of Grace"



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Questions 65, 66, 67 & 68

Question 65: *It is by faith alone that we share in Christ and all his blessings: where then does that faith come from?*

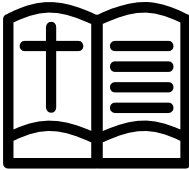
Answer: *The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it through our use of the holy sacraments.*



Heart of the Matter:

How does God speak to you through His Word, the Bible? _____

How do you understand the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper?
Lord's Supper: _____
Baptism: _____



Key scriptures:

Romans 10:17 *"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."*

How did you come to hear the WORD? _____

Matthew 28:19-20 *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

When and under what circumstances were you baptized? _____

1 Corinthians 10:16 *"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?"*

Express some of your thoughts when you partake of the LORD'S Supper.

John
3:5
1 Corinthians
2:10-14, 10:16
Ephesians
2:8
Romans
10:17
1 Peter
1:23-25
Matthew
28:19-20

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Question 66: *What are sacraments?*

Answer: *Sacraments are holy signs and seals for us to see. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them he might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel, and might put his seal on that promise.*

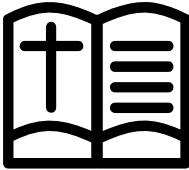
And this is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.



Heart of the Matter:

How does the sacrament of baptism make you feel secure in the love of God? _____

How does the sacrament of the LORD'S Supper make you sure of the forgiveness of sin? _____



Key scriptures:

Deuteronomy 30:6 *"The LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live."*

What does 'love him with all your heart' mean to you? _____

Hebrews 10:10 *"And by that will we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."*

How are you being made holy? _____

In what areas do you need to accept Jesus' sacrifice, that makes you holy, while you are growing in him? _____

Genesis
17:11
Deuteronomy
30:6
Romans
4:11
Matthew
26:27-28
Acts
2:38
Hebrews
10:10

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Question 67: *Are both the world and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?*

Answer: *Right! In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us and through the holy sacraments he assures us that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.*

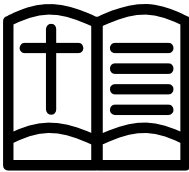


Heart of the Matter:

Try to express the ASSURANCE of your salvation. _____

Key scriptures:

Romans 10:8-13, 17 *"But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, 'Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.' For there is not difference between Jew and Gentile — the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"* *"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."*



Romans
6:3
1 Corinthians
11:26
Galatians
3:27

How does this scripture help keep your faith focused? _____

How would you use it to help someone else? _____

Romans 8:31-35a *"What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?"*

Is there anything that you feel separates you from the love of Christ? _____

What? _____

Why? _____

Romans 8:38-39 *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord."*

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Question 68: *How many sacraments did Christ institute in the New Testament?*

Answer: *Two: baptism and the Lord's Supper.*



Heart of the Matter:

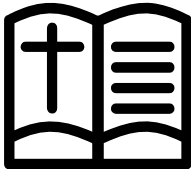
Do you, your children, or someone you know, need to be baptized? ____
What action do you need to take? _____

(Also, start by contacting your Pastor.)

Are you faithful to the LORD'S table? _____

How often do you take communion? _____

How often do you feel you need to take communion? _____



Key scriptures:

Matthew
28:19-20
1 Corinthians
11:23-26

Fill in the blanks.

Matthew 28:19-20 *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, _____ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to _____ everything I have commanded you. And surely I am _____, to the very end of the age.”*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 *“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the _____ in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread, and drink this cup, _____ until he comes.”*