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Introduction

“Catechism for Young Children”, taken from the essentials of the Westminster Confession of Faith, was originally written by Joseph P. Engels. Seeing that children needed a simplified format he paralleled the “Shorter Catechism” and added questions about Christ’s coming again.

CMI has put the Engels’ original work into modern English by dropping the “thee’s” and “thou’s” and other “King James English” words. The essence of the original meaning has stayed the same. We have also made the following substantive changes:

1. Questions 16-19 were added using concepts from the Larger and Shorter Catechisms in order to make Series C, God’s Wonderful Library, a complete topical series about the Bible.

2. Question 24, “How do you know that you have a soul?” reintroduces Engels’ first edition answer about our soul.

3. Questions 27, 28 and 34 were added to explain more fully God’s covenantal relationship, making this series complete.

4. Question 62, “What is glorification?” was added to complete the study of “The New Creation”.

5. Question 68 was updated to be relevant to this century.

6. The Question 69 language was updated.
7. Question 72 and the following memory verse (MV) were added to complete the study of the Holy Spirit.
8. Question 140 on infant baptism was changed because we wanted to ensure that baptismal regeneration is not embraced with the baptism of the infant. (Note: For those who have a problem with infant baptism, this lesson can be easily removed without losing the impact of the remaining lessons on the Sacraments.)

Because we are using the children's catechism as a basis for our "Bible Building Blocks of the Faith" we have divided this booklet into 14 topical sections which correspond to our curriculum.

The Scripture references are memory verses used with our curriculum, not proof texts for the catechism questions. We have added these to give the student a complete study guide for memorization of our material.

Catechism

Series A

The Who What Why How of Creation

1. Who made you?

God.

MV: Genesis 1:27, “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them,” Genesis 1:27.

2. What else did God make?

God made all things.

MV: John 1:3, “Through him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made,” John 1:3.

3. Why did God make you and all things?

For His own glory.

MV: I Corinthians 10:31, “Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God,” I Corinthians 10:31.

4. How can you glorify God?

By loving Him and doing what He commands.

MV: John 14:15, “If you love Me, you will obey what I command,” John 14:15.

5. Why ought you to glorify God?

Because He made me and takes care of me.

MV: I Peter 5:7, “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you,” I Peter 5:7.

Series B

Questions and Answers About God

6. Are there more gods than one?

There is only one God.

MV: Deuteronomy 6:4, “Hear , O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one,” Deuteronomy 6:4.

7. In how many persons does this one God exist?

In three persons.

8. What are they?

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

MV: Luke 4:18, “The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor,” Luke 4:18.

9. What is God?

God is a Spirit, and has not a body like men.

MV: John 4:24, “God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship Him in spirit and in truth,” John 4:24.

10. Where is God?

God is everywhere.

11. Can you see God?

No; I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

MV: Proverbs 15:3, “The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good,” Proverbs 15:3.

12. Does God know all things?

Yes; nothing can be hid from God.

MV: Psalm 139:7, “Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Where can I flee from Your presence?” Psalm 139:7.

13. Can God do all things

Yes; God can do all His holy will.

MV: Luke 1:37, “For nothing is impossible with God,”
Luke 1:37.

Series C

God’s Wonderful Library

14. Where do you learn how to love and obey God?

In the Bible alone.

15. Who wrote the Bible?

Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.

MV: II Peter 1:21, “For prophecy never had its origin in
the will of man, but men spoke from God as they
were carried along by the Holy Spirit,” II Peter 1:21.

16. Why did God give the Bible to us?

*God gave the Bible to teach us about Himself and
to show us how to live.*

MV: Psalm 119:11, “I have hidden Your Word in my heart
that I might not sin against You,” Psalm 119:11.

17. Why did God give the Old Testament to us?

*God gave the Old Testament to teach us how He
prepared the way for the promised Savior.*

MV: Zechariah 2:10, ““Shout and be glad, O Daughter of
Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you,”
declares the Lord,” Zechariah 2:10.

18. Why did God give the New Testament to us?
God gave the New Testament to tell us the good news that the Savior has come.
- MV:** John 20:31, “But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name,” John 20:31.
19. What do the Old and New Testaments promise about the risen Savior?
The Old and New Testaments promise that He will come again for all His children.
- MV:** Hebrews 9:28, “He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him,” Hebrews 9:28.

Series D

How Can I Know I Will Live Forever?

20. Who were our first parents?
Adam and Eve.
- MV:** Genesis 3:20, “Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living,” Genesis 3:20.
21. Of what were our first parents made?
God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.

MV: Genesis 2:7, “The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being,” Genesis 2:7.

22. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?
He gave them souls that could never die.

MV: Psalm 103:1, “Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His Holy Name,” Psalm 103:1.

23. Have you a soul as well as a body?
Yes; I have a soul that can never die.

MV: I Thessalonians 5:23, “May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,” I Thessalonians 5:23.

24. How do you know that you have a soul?
Because I can think about God and the world to come.

MV: Psalm 42:1-2, “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God,” Psalm 42:1-2.

25. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?
He made them holy and happy.

MV: Genesis 1:31, “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good,” Genesis 1:31.

Series E

Covenants and Promises

- 26.** What is a covenant?
An agreement between two or more persons.
- 27.** What is a God-made covenant?
A promise that God gives to His people and establishes by His unchangeable Word.
- MV:** Genesis 9:11, “I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood,” Genesis 9:11.
- 28.** Why did God make covenants with His people?
God’s eternal plan is to reveal Himself to us through His covenant promises.
- MV:** Jeremiah 32:38-39, “They will be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear Me for their own good and the good of their children after them,” Jeremiah 32:38-39.
- 29.** What covenant did God make with Adam?
The covenant of works.
- 30.** What was Adam bound to do by the covenant of works?
To obey God perfectly.
- MV:** Genesis 2:17, “You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die,” Genesis 2:17.

31. What did God promise in the covenant of works?
To reward Adam with life if he obeyed Him.
32. What did God threaten in the covenant of works?
To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed.
33. Did Adam keep the covenant of works?
No; he sinned against God.
- MV:** Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord,” Romans 6:23.
34. What covenant did God make with Jesus Christ, His Son?
The covenant of grace.
- MV:** Romans 5:19, “For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous,” Romans 5:19.

Series F

How To Fight the Deceiver

35. What is sin?
Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.
36. What is meant by want of conformity?
Not being or doing what God requires.
37. What is meant by transgression?
Doing what God forbids.
- MV:** Ephesians 6:10-11, “Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes,” Ephesians 6:10-11.
38. What was the sin of our first parents?
Eating the forbidden fruit.
39. Who tempted them to this sin?
The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.
40. What befell our first parents when they had sinned?
Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.
- MV:** Ephesians 6:12, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms,” Ephesians 6:12.

41. Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of works?

No; he represented all his posterity.

42. What effect had the sin of Adam on all mankind?

All mankind are born in a state of sin and misery.

43. What is that sinful nature which we inherit from Adam called?

Original sin.

MV: Ephesians 6:13, “Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand,” Ephesians 6:13.

MV: Ephesians 6:14-18, “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints,” Ephesians 6:14-18.

44. What does every sin deserve?
The wrath and curse of God.
45. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?
No; our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.
46. What is a change of heart called?
Regeneration.
47. Who can change a sinner's heart?
The Holy Spirit alone.
- MV:** Titus 3:5-6, "He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior," Titus 3:5-6.
- MV:** James 4:7-8, "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded," James 4:7-8.

Series G

The New Creation

48. Can anyone be saved through the covenant of works?
None can be saved through the covenant of works.
49. Why can none be saved through the covenant of works?
Because all have broken it, and are condemned by it.
50. With whom did God the Father make the covenant of grace?
With Christ, His eternal Son.
51. Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace?
His elect people.
- MV:** Romans 8:16-17, “The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ,” Romans 8:16-17.
52. What did Christ undertake in the covenant of grace?
To keep the whole law for His people, and to suffer the punishment due to their sins.
53. Did our Lord Jesus Christ ever commit the least sin?
No; He was holy, harmless, and undefiled.
54. How could the Son of God suffer?
Christ, the Son of God, became man that He might obey and suffer in our nature.
55. What is meant by the atonement?
Christ’s satisfying divine justice, by His suffering and death, in the place of sinners.

MV: Ephesians 5:1-2, “Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God,” Ephesians 5:1-2.

56. What did God the Father undertake in the covenant of grace?

To justify and sanctify those for whom Christ should die.

57. What is justification?

It is God’s forgiving sinners, and treating them as if they had never sinned.

MV: Isaiah 43:25, “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for My own sake, and remembers your sins no more,” Isaiah 43:25.

58. What is sanctification?

It is God’s making sinners holy in heart and conduct.

MV: II Thessalonians 1:3, “Your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing,” II Thessalonians 1:3.

59. For whom did Christ obey and suffer?

For those whom the Father had given Him.

60. What kind of life did Christ live on earth?

A life of poverty and suffering.

61. What kind of death did Christ die?

The painful and shameful death of the cross.

MV: Hebrews 2:18, “Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted,” Hebrews 2:18.

62. What is glorification?

It is God’s making His people at last perfect in body and soul.

MV: I John 3:2, “Now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is,” I John 3:2.

Series H

The Holy Spirit Our Helper

63. Who will be saved?

Only those who repent of sin, believe in Christ, and lead holy lives.

64. What is it to repent?

To be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God.

65. What is it to believe or have faith in Christ?

To trust in Christ alone for salvation.

MV: Romans 12:2, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will,” Romans 12:2.

66. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?

No; I can do nothing good without the help of God's Holy Spirit.

67. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit?

God has told us that we must pray to Him for the Holy Spirit.

MV: II Chronicles 20:12, “We have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you,” II Chronicles 20:12.

68. How long ago is it since Christ died?

Around two thousand years.

MV: II Peter 3:9, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance,” II Peter 3:9.

69. How were elect persons saved before the coming of Christ?

By believing in a Savior to come.

70. How did they show their faith?

By offering sacrifices on God's altar.

71. What did these sacrifices represent?

Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die for sinners.

MV: Hebrews 12:1, "Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us," Hebrews 12:1.

72. How can others know that you are walking in the power of the Holy Spirit?

They will know by your fruit.

MV: Galatians 5:22-23, 25, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit," Galatians 5:22-23, 25.

Series K

Prophets, Priests, Kings and Me

73. What offices has Christ?

Christ has three offices.

74. What are they?

The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.

MV: Matthew 28:18, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me,” Matthew 28:18.

75. How is Christ a prophet?

Because He teaches us the will of God.

76. Why do you need Christ as a prophet?

Because I am ignorant.

MV: John 1:4, “In Him was life, and that life was the light of men,” John 1:4.

77. How is Christ a priest?

Because He died for our sins and pleads with God for us.

78. Why do you need Christ as a priest?

Because I am guilty.

MV: James 2:10, “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it,” James 2:10.

79. How is Christ a king?

Because He rules over us and defends us.

80. Why do you need Christ as a king?

Because I am weak and helpless.

MV: Psalm 24:8, “Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle,”
Psalm 24:8.

MV: Proverbs 20:11, “Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right,”
Proverbs 20:11.

Series L

Why Did God Give the Commandments?

Volume 1

81. How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?

Ten commandments.

82. What are the ten commandments sometimes called?

The Decalogue.

83. What do the first four commandments teach?

Our duty to God.

84. What do the last six commandments teach?

Our duty to our fellow men.

85. What is the sum of the ten commandments?

To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.

86. Who is your neighbor?

All my fellow men are my neighbors.

87. Is God pleased with those who love and obey Him?

Yes; He says, “I love them that love Me.”

88. Is God displeased with those who do not love and obey Him?

Yes; "God is angry with the wicked every day."

MV: Luke 10:27, 28, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself.... Do this and you will live," Luke 10:27, 28.

89. What is the first commandment?

The first commandment is, "You shall have no other gods before me."

90. What does the first commandment teach us?

To worship God alone.

MV: Exodus 20:3, "You shall have no other gods before me," Exodus 20:3.

91. What is the second commandment?

The second commandment is, "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."

92. What does the second commandment teach us?

To worship God in a proper manner, and to avoid idolatry.

MV: Exodus 20:4-6, “You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments,” Exodus 20:4-6.

93. What is the third commandment?

The third commandment is, “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.”

94. What does the third commandment teach us?

To reverence God’s name, word, and works.

MV: Exodus 20:7, “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name,” Exodus 20:7.

95. What is the fourth commandment?

The fourth commandment is, “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or your maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

96. What does the fourth commandment teach us?
To keep the Sabbath holy.
97. What day of the week is the Christian Sabbath?
The first day of the week, called the Lord's day.
98. Why is it called the Lord's day?
Because on that day Christ rose from the dead.
99. How should the Sabbath be spent?
In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word, and in doing good to our fellow man.
- MV:** Exodus 20:8-11, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy," Exodus 20:8-11.

Series L

Why Did God Give the Commandments?

Volume 2

100. What is the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment is, "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

101. What does the fifth commandment teach us?

To love and obey our parents and teachers.

MV: Exodus 20:12, "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you," Exodus 20:12.

102. What is the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment is, "You shall not murder."

103. What does the sixth commandment teach us?

To avoid angry passions.

MV: Exodus 20:13, "You shall not murder," Exodus 20:13.

104. What is the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment is, "You shall not commit adultery."

105. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

To be pure in heart, language, and conduct.

MV: Exodus 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery," Exodus 20:14.

- 106.** What is the eighth commandment?
The eight commandment is, "You shall not steal."
- 107.** What does the eighth commandment teach us?
To be honest and industrious.
- MV:** Exodus 20:15, "You shall not steal," Exodus 20:15.
- 108.** What is the ninth commandment?
The ninth commandment is, "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."
- 109.** What does the ninth commandment teach us?
To tell the truth.
- MV:** Exodus 20:16, "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor," Exodus 20:16.
- 110.** What is the tenth commandment?
The tenth commandment is, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."
- 111.** What does the tenth commandment teach us?
To be content with our lot.
- MV:** Exodus 20:17, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor," Exodus 20:17.

112. Can any man keep these ten commandments perfectly?

No mere man, since the fall of Adam, ever did or can keep the ten commandments perfectly.

113. Of what use are the ten commandments to us?

They teach us our duty, and show our need of a Savior.

MV: Luke 10:27, 28, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself.... Do this and you will live,” Luke 10:27, 28.

Series M

Questions and Answers

About the Lord’s Prayer

114. What is prayer?

Prayer is asking God for things which He has promised to give.

115. In whose name should we pray?

Only in the name of Christ.

116. What has Christ given us to teach us how to pray?

The Lord’s Prayer.

MV: Philippians 4:6, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God,” Philippians 4:6.

117. Repeat the Lord's Prayer.

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

MV: Matthew 6:9b-13, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen," Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV).

118. How many petitions are there in the Lord's Prayer?
Six.

119. What is the first petition?
"Hallowed be Thy name."

120. What do we pray for in the first petition?
That God's name may be honored by us and all men.

MV: Revelation 5:13, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" Revelation 5:13.

121. What is the second petition?
"Thy kingdom come."

- 122.** What do we pray for in the second petition?
*That the gospel may be preached in all the world,
and believed and obeyed by us and all men.*
- MV:** Romans 14:17, “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,” Romans 14:17.
- 123.** What is the third petition?
“Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”
- 124.** What do we pray for in the third petition?
*That men on earth may serve God as the angels do
in heaven.*
- MV:** II Timothy 2:15, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth,” II Timothy 2:15.
- 125.** What is the fourth petition?
“Give us this day our daily bread.”
- 126.** What do we pray for in the fourth petition?
*That God would give us all things needful for our
bodies and souls.*
- MV:** Philippians 4:19, “And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus,” Philippians 4:19.

- 127.** What is the fifth petition?
“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”
- 128.** What do we pray for in the fifth petition?
That God would pardon our sins for Christ’s sake, and enable us to forgive those who have injured us.
- MV:** Matthew 6:14-15, “For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins,” Matthew 6:14-15.
- 129.** What is the sixth petition?
“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”
- 130.** What do we pray for in the sixth petition?
That God would keep us from sin.
- MV:** I Corinthians 10:13, “No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it,” I Corinthians 10:13.

Series N
Questions and Answers
About the Sacraments

- 131.** How many sacraments are there?
Two.
- 132.** What are they?
Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- 133.** Who appointed these sacraments?
The Lord Jesus Christ.
- 134.** Why did Christ appoint these sacraments?
To distinguish His disciples from the world, and to comfort and strengthen them.
- MV:** John 17:11, "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one," John 17:11.
- 135.** What sign is used in baptism?
The washing with water.
- 136.** What does this signify?
That we are cleansed from sin by the blood of Christ.
- 137.** In whose name are we baptized?
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- 138.** To what does your baptism bind you?
To be a true follower of Christ.

MV: I John 1:7, “If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin,” I John 1:7.

139. Who are to be baptized?

Believers and their children.

140. Why should infants be baptized?

Because the covenant God made with Abraham is still in effect.

141. Does Christ care for little children?

Yes; for He says, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

MV: Acts 2:39, “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call,” Acts 2:39.

142. What is the Lord’s Supper?

The eating of bread and drinking of wine in remembrance of the sufferings and death of Christ.

143. What does the bread represent?

The body of Christ, broken for our sins.

144. What does the wine represent?

The blood of Christ, shed for our salvation.

MV: I Corinthians 11:26, “For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes,” I Corinthians 11:26.

145. Who should partake of the Lord's Supper?

Only those who repent of their sins, believe in Christ for salvation, and love their fellow men.

MV: I Corinthians 11:27-29, "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and the blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself," I Corinthians 11:27-29.

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How Can I Know He Is Coming Again?

146. Did Christ remain in the tomb after His crucifixion?

No; He rose from the tomb on the third day after His death.

147. Where is Christ now?

In heaven, interceding for sinners.

MV: Hebrews 4:14-16, "Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need," Hebrews 4:14-16.

148. Will He come again?

Yes; at the last day Christ will come to judge the world.

MV: Matthew 25:31-32, “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,” Matthew 25:31-32.

149. What becomes of men at death?

The body returns to dust, and the soul goes into the world of spirits.

150. Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again?

Yes; “The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised.”

MV: John 5:28-29, “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned,” John 5:28-29.

151. What will become of the wicked in the day of judgment?

They shall be cast into hell.

152. What is hell?

A place of dreadful and endless torment.

MV: Matthew 13:49, “This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous,” Matthew 13:49.

153. What will become of the righteous?

They shall be taken to heaven.

154. What is heaven?

A glorious and happy place where the righteous shall be forever with the Lord.

MV: Matthew 13:43, “Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear,” Matthew 13:43.

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