

Christian Questions with Their Answers (part 1)

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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:

- 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.
- 4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?* His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Romans 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 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.