

Communion

1 Cor 11:23-26

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[Sermon Notes]

Home Study Guide

Monday: Read 1 Cor 11 What issues concerning communion was Paul trying to correct?

Tuesday: Deut 16 What is the background of the Lord's Supper?

Wednesday: John 6 What did Jesus mean when he talked about eating his flesh and drinking his blood?

Sunday's sermon: Elijah's Departure 2 Kings 2:1-18

Thursday: 1 Kings 19 When was Elisha called? What had been going on?

Friday: Deut 34 How was the transition from Moses to Joshua accomplished?

Saturday: Joshua 1 How did the Lord assure Joshua?

Prayer Items:

Family Catechism Study

[Westminster Shorter Catechism]

Q. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life^a, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption^b.

[a]. Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21 [b]. Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 11:24-25; Col. 3:16

This is one of those transitional questions, which the Catechism employs to set up the next several sections. We will be looking at faith, repentance, and the means of grace: the word, sacraments and prayer.

Faith and repentance always go together like the different sides of the same coin. Repentance is a turning away from ourselves while faith is a turning to Christ. Both of these are gifts of God to us. We, being dead in sin, are unable to do any turning, changing or believing without the prior work of the Holy Spirit in us.

- Remember this question from the Catechism?

Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ^a, and renewing our wills^b, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ^c, freely offered to us in the gospel^d.

[a]. Acts 26:18; 1 Cor. 2:10, 12; 2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 1:17-18 [b]. Deut. 30:6; Ezek. 36:26-27; John 3:5; Titus 3:5 [c]. John 6:44-45; Acts 16:14 [d]. Isa. 45:22; Matt. 11:28-30; Rev. 22:17

We studied this a long time ago; but it relates to the study in these upcoming questions. So a brief review of these truths would be helpful. When we get to the means of grace we must not see them as operating by themselves independent of the word and faith. None of these activities: faith, repentance or uses of the means are in any way meritorious and clearly do not earn salvation for us. Work at understanding it, it is well worth the study!