

THE LORD'S TABLE

Helping the Redeemer KiDS understand communion

There are two sacraments (signs) that Christ gave to His church. The first sign is baptism and the second is communion at the Lord's Table.

Our children must be able to answer (in a child-like way) the following questions before coming to commune at the Lord's table. This is to serve our children so that they grow up with an understanding of the beautiful gift of grace that the Lord's table is for the church.

If you would like support explaining any of these doctrines to your children in a child-like way, contact Paul and he will serve your family in that way.

When your children are ready to receive communion, please contact Paul so he can meet with your family. Paul will ask the children these questions, help them understand things that they may have difficulty understanding & welcome them to come to the Lord's table on Sundays to share in communion with your family.

7 QUESTIONS CHILDREN SHOULD UNDERSTAND BEFORE COMING TO THE LORD'S TABLE

1. Have you placed your faith in Christ? Share with me in your own words what that means to be a Christian.

A child must understand that they have been saved by God's grace. They, like all men, have been born into sin. They needed a saviour and God provided their salvation in Jesus Christ who, through His perfect life, atoning death and divine resurrection has paid the price for their sin. Christians are those who have placed their faith in Christ alone for their salvation. At some point, they heard this gospel, believed it and have responded to God's saving grace by placed their faith in Christ. Romans 3:20-23, John 3:16

2. Where did sin begin and what happened as a result?

Adam was created in God's image and was sinless. Instead of using his free will to obey God and enjoy life forever with God, Adam and Eve both used their will to sin against God. This sin resulted in death. Everyone since Adam & Eve are now born into sin and in need of a saviour. Genesis 3:6

3. What did God do after Adam sinned?

God's love and grace is shown in the moment man sinned. Instead of destroying man, God desired to redeem him. God required perfect obedience because He's holy and so God promised to provide perfect obedience for us because He is gracious. He did this in Jesus Christ, His only Son, who He sent to pay the price for our sin. Genesis 3:15

4. What happened at the cross & why did Jesus have to die?

We cannot obey God's law perfectly, and perfection was required. Jesus was a perfect sacrifice because He was sinless. He was both fully God and man and that is why He could be an acceptable sacrifice for our sin. At the cross, God's wrath and judgement was poured out on Jesus instead of on us. Because Jesus fully paid the price for our sin, we will not know God's wrath. Instead, we will know God's mercy. At the cross, perfect justice for sin and perfect mercy for us are shown. Galatians 3:10-14, John 3:16

5. What happened at the resurrection and what does it mean?

When Jesus rose from the dead 3 days later, it shows us that God the Father accepted the sacrifice of God the Son for our sin. Jesus resurrection means that our sins have been forgiven, the price has been paid and just as Christ rose from death, one day we will rise from death. For Christians, the end is not darkness and death but life with God. I Corinthians 15:42-49

6. Why Are Christians Baptized? What does baptism mean?

Jesus gave the church to signs that they are Christians are saved by grace. Baptism is the 1st sign. Those who place their faith in Christ alone for salvation get baptized as a sign that just as water washes water from the body, Christ's blood has washed away our sin. In going under the water and come up from the water, you identify with Christ's death & resurrection. This is a picture of God's saving grace because just as Christ was raised from death, so Christians will be raised from death. Baptism is the sign that shows that. The children of Christian parents are baptized as a sign that God's gift of saving grace is being offered to that child. Romans 6:3-4, Acts 16:30-34

7. Why do Christians come to the Lord's Table? What does this communion mean?

The second sign that you are a Christian, saved by grace, is the Lord's Supper - or communion. The bread and the cup are reminders that Christ's body and blood were given for you. Just as bread and wine nourish your body, so Christ nourishes the soul of Christians. By eating the ordinary bread and drinking the ordinary cup, we are united to Christ by the Holy Spirit each time we gather. Only those whose faith is in Christ alone for salvation and have taken that sign of baptism come to the Lord's table. Mark 14:22-25, I Corinthians 11:26