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Q. 95. To whom is baptism to be administered?

A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; *g* but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized. *h*

g Acts ii. 41. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized.

h Gen. xvii. 7. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. V. 10. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man-child among you shall be circumcised.

Acts ii. 38. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. V. 39. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Q. 96. What is the Lord's supper?

A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth, *z* and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace. *k*

z Luke xxii. 19. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body, which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. V. 20. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

k 1 Cor. x. 16. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Q. 97. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper?

A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, *l* of their faith to feed upon him, *m* of their repentance, *n* love, *o* and new obedience; *p* lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgement to themselves. *q*

l 1 Cor. xi. 28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup: V. 29. For he that eateth and drinketh un-

worthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

m 2 Cor. xiii. 5. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith.

n 1 Cor. xi. 31. If we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

o 1 Cor. xi. 18. When ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you. V. 20. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.

p 1 Cor. v. 8. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

q 1 Cor. xi. 27. Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

Q. 98. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God *r* for things agreeable to his will, *s* in the name of Christ, *t* with confession of our sins, *u* and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.

r Ps. lxxii. 8. Trust in him at all times, ye people: pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

s Rom. viii. 27. And he that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit: because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

t John xvi. 23. whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

u Dan. ix. 4. And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession.

v Phil. iv. 6. Be careful for nothing: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

Q. 99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; *x* but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called *The Lord's Prayer*. *y*

x 1 John v. 14. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us.

y Matt. vi. 9. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, &c.

Q. 100. What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?