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THE CATECHISM

What did your godfathers and godmothers then for you ?

[*Learn answer in Catechism.*]

The New Covenant.

1. What is a covenant ? An agreement between two persons.
2. What is the Christian covenant ? The agreement that God made with us in Christ.
3. When were you brought into this covenant ? When I was baptized.
4. Did God ever make a covenant with men before ? Yes ; with Adam in the garden of Eden.
5. With any others ? With Noah after the flood, with Abraham, and with Moses.
6. Why did God make a new covenant ? Because the Jews kept not His covenant.—Jer. xi. 10 ; xxxi. 32 ; Heb. viii. 9.
7. What did God tell His people ? “ Behold, the days come that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.”—Jer. xxxi, 31 ; Heb. viii. 8.
8. What did God promise in the new covenant ? “ I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people.”—Heb. viii. 11.
9. What was the special blessing of the new covenant ? “ Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.”—Heb. x. 17.
10. Was forgiveness of sin promised to the Jews only ? No ; all nations were to be “ fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus.”—Eph. iii. 6.
11. To whom did God first make this promise ? To Abraham.—Gen. xxii. 18 ; Gal. iii. 16.
12. How did God keep His promise ? By sending His Son into the world to take our nature upon Him.
13. Yes ; this was God’s part of the covenant ; what is your part ? To receive Jesus Christ as my Saviour.—S. John i. 12.
14. When did He receive you ? In my baptism when He “ embraced me with the arms of His mercy ” (see Baptismal Service).
15. How do we receive Him ? By believing in Him, and loving Him, and striving to please Him.