

What do you mean by repenting of former sins?—Being sensible how wicked it was to do them, and very sorry for being guilty of them.

Why is it necessary to repent of our sins before we receive the Lord's supper?—Because, if we come without repentance, we affront God, and provoke his wrath against us. Rom. ii. 4, 5.

How must we repent of our past sins?—Truly.

What is a sure mark of true repentance?—"Steadfastly purposing to lead a new life."

Give some examples from the Bible of persons who truly repented.—David, Manasseh, Zaccheus. Ps. li.; 2 Chron. xxxiii. 12, 13; Luke xix. 8.

Is it true repentance when persons are sorry for their sins, only because they are afraid of suffering for them?—No.

What will you purpose, if you do truly repent?—To lead a new life.

What do you mean by leading a new life?

What is the next thing in which you are to examine yourself?—Whether I "have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ."

What ought you to have faith in?—God's mercy.

Through whom have you the privilege of having faith in God's mercy?—Through Christ.

What do you mean by a *lively* faith?

What is a lively faith opposed to?—A *dead* faith.

What is a dead faith?—One that has no effect upon our feelings and conduct. James ii. 17.

What, then, is a lively faith?—A faith that has some effect upon our feelings and conduct.

What should persons have faith in with reference to this sacrament?

Through whom have we a title to God's mercy?