

CATECHISING.

These four Lessons bring this our second set of Catechisings to a conclusion. We earnestly trust that many are using them. Next month we hope to begin a third set, following the course of our good old Church Catechism on a still larger scale.

N. B.—Answers that are incomplete will be found in the Church Catechism.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM No. XIII. B.

How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in His Church? *Two only, etc.*

What do you mean by this word "Sacrament"? *I mean, etc.*

What is Grace? *The help or favor of God.*

What do you mean by saying these two Sacraments are generally necessary to Salvation? *That they are necessary for all men in general.*

Why are they thus necessary? *Because Christ has ordained that through these Sacraments He will convey to us His Grace.*

What is Christ's command as to Baptism? *Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.*

What is Christ's command as to the Lord's Supper? *Do this in remembrance of me.*

How many parts are there in a Sacrament? *Two, the outward visible sign, etc.*

What is an outward and visible sign? *Something that we can see, conveying to us the inward Gift and assuring us that it does so.*

What is an inward and spiritual Grace? *The help or favor or gift that we receive in our souls by means of the outward sign.*

What is the outward visible sign or form in Baptism? *Water, etc.*

What do you see in Baptism? *The water set apart for its sacred purpose.*

What is the general use of water? *To wash or purify.*

When you see the water in Baptism, what are you to understand? *That the sins of the baptized are washed away by Christ.*

What do we say in the Nicene Creed concerning Baptism? *That we acknowledge one Baptism for the Remission of Sins.*

What does this shew us? *That the Church teaches us that in Baptism there is forgiveness of our sins.*

THE CHURCH CATECHISM No. XIV. B.

Besides forgiveness of sins, what other gifts do the baptized receive? *The help of the Holy Spirit, and a place prepared for them in Heaven.*

How is this gift of the Holy Spirit to be maintained and strengthened? *By Prayer and other means of Grace.*

What is required of persons to be baptized? *Repentance, etc.*

Why then are infants baptized, when the reason of their tender age they cannot perform these things? *Because they promise, etc.*

What did your Sponsors promise for you? *Repentance, Faith and Obedience.*

Even if you had no Sponsors, what is understood at every Baptism? *That the baptized will live, as Children of God should live.*

What then is your position? *We are bound to strive to keep the promises that have been made for us.*

What special opportunity will you have of solemnly declaring you agree to this? *At our Confirmation.*

At what age were Jewish children admitted to God's Covenant favors? *On the eighth day, i. e., when they were a week old.*

Into what name are we baptized? *Into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.*

Whose example do we follow in following up our Baptism by being confirmed? *The example of the Apostles.*

Give instances? *S. Peter and S. John confirmed those who had been prepared by Philip, the Deacon; S. Paul confirmed twelve men at Ephesus.*

What have we to do in Confirmation? *To make a solemn renewal of our vows.*

What gifts will you then receive, if you come aright? *The sevenfold gifts and the indwelling presence of the Holy Ghost.*

THE CHURCH CATECHISM No. XV. B.

Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained? *For the continual remembrance, etc.*

When did Jesus ordain this Sacrament? *On the night before He died for us.*

Of what did they all partake outwardly? *Bread and Wine.*