



YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

LESSON 24: THE LORD'S SUPPER

TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Review

- What is the Lord's Supper?
- What spiritual blessing do we receive in the Supper?
(See also 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10.)

How Can Eating and Drinking Do Such Things?

How can eating bread and drinking wine give us the forgiveness of sins?

Matthew 26:26-28 (1075)

NOTE: "It is the Word which distinguishes it from mere bread and wine and constitutes it as a sacrament which is rightly called Christ's body and blood. . . . Although the work was accomplished and the forgiveness of sins was acquired on the cross, yet it cannot come to us any other way than through the Word . . ." (Luther's *Large Catechism*, emphasis added)

Does everyone who takes the Lord's Supper receive forgiveness?

Mark 16:15-16

Hebrews 4:2 (1078)

Every communicant receives ...

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_____ receive ...

NOTE: Because He offers and promises forgiveness of sins, it cannot be received except by faith. This faith He Himself demands in the Word when He says, "Given for you" and "poured out for you." . . . Whoever lets these words be addressed to him and believes that they are true has what the words declare. But he who does not believe has nothing, for he lets this gracious blessing be offered to him in vain and refuses to enjoy it.

Worthy and Unworthy Participation in the Supper

- Read in Luther's Catechism the fourth part on the Lord's Supper (p. 194)
- Note that the Supper can be taken in either a *worthy* or *unworthy* manner (properly or improperly). Those who eat and drink improperly do spiritual harm to themselves.

How does a person take the Supper in an *unworthy* way?

1 Corinthians 11:27, 29 (1081) _____

What else were the Corinthians doing that made a mockery of the Supper?
(1 Corinthians 11:17-22)

What is true about the one who partakes unworthily?

1. _____ (1 Corinthians 11:27)

2. _____ (1 Corinthians 11:29)

What happened in Corinth to those who abused the Lord's Supper? (1 Corinthians 11:30)

NOTE: Paul makes it clear in 1 Corinthians 11:32 that the unworthy communicant is not automatically condemned to eternal damnation. The purpose of God's judgment is to arouse us, so that we do not lose our faith.

How can we keep from taking the Supper in an unworthy way?

1 Corinthians 11:28 (1084)

What can we ask ourselves in this self-examination?

Romans 3:20 1.

John 3:16 2.

1 Corinthians 11:29 3.

Matthew 3:7-10 4.

NOTE: As a help to examining themselves, Martin Luther prepared a set of "Christian Questions" for those about to partake of the Lord's Supper. These questions and answers are printed on p. 18 of your catechism.

- Review Questions 271-276 in your catechism as well as Lord's Supper Parts three and four.