

# FAMILY-CENTERED CATECHISM: PARENT HELPS

Lesson #21 – Keys: Confession & Absolution

*Luther's Catechism* – p. 342-348

*Catechism Connections* – p. 159-162

**Read Confession out loud** (this will be what this lesson will be about).

**Read the Introduction to the lesson out loud.**

Use the Catechism to read each question to your child (the exact question is in their Connections workbook). Then let him/her look up the Bible passage and read it...repeat the question and let your child find the answer in the Bible.

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337. James 5:16; 1 John 1:8,9 ... *we confess our sins because God commands us to and because we long for forgiveness*

**Discussion Question:** Someone says, "Confessing sins is such cruel punishment. We should just tell people that Jesus loves them and forget about this confession stuff." How do you respond?

338. Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 64:6; Romans 6:23 ... *we confess not only what we are but what we do – born with a sinful nature that causes us to sin daily in thought, word and deed; our sins deserve eternal punishment*

**Discussion Question:** Your friend says, "God knows everything we do wrong anyway, so why confess our sins?" How do you respond?

339. Romans 3:20 ... *God's law makes us aware of sins according to our place in life and the punishment we deserve because of our sins*

**Discussion Question:** What is a mirror designed to do? How is that like God's law?

340. Matthew 9:2 ... *the announcement that we are forgiven*

341. John 20:21-23 ... *our pastor regularly announces this gospel comfort in our worship services by saying, "I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

Read **A Closer Look** (p.345): Confession has two parts. What are those parts?

342. Psalm 32:4; Psalm 38:4 ... *we may privately confess our sins to the pastor at any time, seeking the comforting promise of forgiveness particularly when sins continue to trouble our consciences*

**Note:** the advantages that make confessing privately to a pastor helpful:

- 1.) more objective (a third party, non-involved)
- 2.) confidential
- 3.) experience with similar sins and situations
- 4.) experience at encouraging and instructing others in similar situations.

343. Matthew 16:19 ... *we receive absolution – forgiveness – from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.*

**Discussion Question:** When we confess our sins, are they forgiven the moment we hear the words, “I forgive you all your sins”? If not...then at what time?

Read **A Closer Look** (p.345)

344. Matthew 5:23,24 ... *when we realize that we have sinned against them*

344. Matthew 16:19 ... *we receive absolution – forgiveness – from a fellow Christian as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.*

Read and answer **Connections** (p.347,348) ... use the hymn verses from *From Depths of Woe I Cry to You* as your closing prayer.

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## STUDENT WEEKLY WORK:

- ◆ Complete the assignment on *Confession & Absolution* in Google Classroom
- ◆ Memorize **VICs**: Ascension, Pentecost, Saul’s Conversion
- ◆ Memorize **VIPs**: Isaiah 55:11; Hebrews 4:12
- ◆ Work on March Projects & Service Duty (*need to accumulate the correct number of points...posted in Google Classroom*)

# FAMILY-CENTERED CATECHISM: PARENT HELPS

## Lesson #22 – A New Creation: The Life of a Christian Is a Life of Struggle

Luther's Catechism – p. 227-234

Catechism Connections – p. 105-107

**Read the Introduction to the lesson out loud.**

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232. 2 Corinthians 5:17,18; Colossians 3:9,10 ... *we are a new creation, totally different from what we are by nature; our new self finds delight in salvation won by Jesus and in God's law*

233. Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:5; Romans 7:18 ... *because by nature we have a heart and mind that are inclined only toward evil because all people are conceived and born in sin as a result of Adam's fall (sinful nature/flesh, old Adam/man/self)*

Read **A Closer Look** (p.228):      Define sinful nature.

234. Romans 7:15; Galatians 5:17 ... *our sinful nature leads us into all sorts of sins, with the ultimate goal that we would abandon our faith*

235. Psalm 51:4,17; Luke 15:21 ... *God wants us Christians to understand that we deserve God's judgment because of the wickedness of our sinful nature*

**Discussion Question:**      Why doesn't God have any other options than to push away from himself and punish those who sin?

**Discussion Question:**      This is such a sad thing. Why do we have to talk about this ugly, wicked topic of sin? Can't we just tell people they're all okay and be happy?

236. Ephesians 2:3-5 ... *through his Word, God assures us that our sins have been paid for by Jesus our Lord*

**Discussion Question:**      Some compare our coming to faith like being raised from the dead. Explain.

237. 2 Corinthians 5:14,15; Galatians 2:20 ... *God's grace in Christ gives us the reason and the power to fight our sinful flesh; we are eager to turn away from sin and turn toward righteousness*

238. A.) 1 Corinthians 10:12; Galatians 6:13-17 ... *we recognize that life is a spiritual struggle, one for which we need to be constantly on guard and equipped with God's powerful weapons*

B.) 2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 John 1:9 ... *the Holy Spirit leads us to repent regularly of our sins and then rejoice in the good news of forgiveness*

C.) Romans 10:17; Titus 3:5; Matthew 26:26-28 ... *we treasure the Word of God and the sacraments because they are the tools God uses to give us the forgiveness and to motivate and strengthen us for the fight against sin*

**Discussion Question:** A new Christian feels that he isn't doing very well at avoiding sin. As a matter of fact...he feels more aware of his sins now than ever before. He says to a friend, "I'm struggling so much with sin...I don't think I'm a Christian." What might the friend say to comfort him?

Read and answer **Connections** (p.233,234) ... use the hymn verses from *My Song Is Love Unknown* as your closing prayer.

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## STUDENT WEEKLY WORK:

- ◆ Complete the assignment on *A New Creation: The Life of a Christian Is a Life of Struggle* in Google Classroom
- ◆ Memorize **VICs**: Righteous through Faith, More than Conquerors, Government
- ◆ Memorize **VIPs**: 1 Corinthians 6:19,20
- ◆ Work on March Projects & Service Duty (*need to accumulate the correct number of points...posted in Google Classroom*)

# FAMILY-CENTERED CATECHISM: PARENT HELPS

## Lesson #23 – The Lord’s Supper: A Blessed & Important Meal

*Luther’s Catechism* – p. 350-355

*Catechism Connections* – p. 163-165

**Read The Institution of Holy Communion out loud together.** (what is here will be what you will study in this lesson)

**Read the Introduction to the lesson out loud.**

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Read **A Closer Look** (p.351)

346. Matthew 26:26-29 ... along with the bread and the wine we receive Jesus’ body and blood (4 things – real presence)

347. Mark 14:22,24; 1 Corinthians 10:16 ... God’s Word clearly teaches that the Lord’s Supper is a special supper through which we receive Jesus’ body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine (4 things – real presence)

**Note:** “Real Presence” means that there are not just two things we receive in the Lord’s Supper...but four things. (ILL: – the body and blood are “in, with, and under” the bread and wine, like when you’re driving on the interstate and the vehicle as traveling at 70 mph and so is everything else with it)

348. Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 28:18 ... because this teaching of real presence is what God reveals to us in the Bible

**Discussion Question:** Agree or Disagree. Jesus can’t really be present in the Lord’s Supper since he’s sitting at the right hand of the Father in heaven.

Read **A Closer Look** (p.352,353)

**Discussion Question:** Some churches say that the bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper remind us of Jesus’ body and blood. How is this different than Real

Presence? Catholic churches teach that there is no more bread and wine when people receive the Lord's Supper. How is this different than Real Presence?

349. 1 Corinthians 11:23,25 ... *at the last Passover meal with his disciples, the night he was betrayed*

350. 1 Corinthians 11:26,27 ... *in this extraordinary meal, Jesus gives his true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine; this blessing is for Christians of all times*

**Discussion Question:** Which of the following would not be proper to use in the Lord's Supper?

- a.) regular bread with yeast, like Wonder bread
- b.) white wine
- c.) saltine crackers
- d.) Kool-Aid
- e.) popcorn
- f.) grape juice

Read and answer **Connections** (p.354,355) ... use the hymn verses from *What Is This Bread?* as your closing prayer.

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## STUDENT WEEKLY WORK:

- ◆ Complete the assignment on *Lord's Supper: A Blessed & Important Meal* in Google Classroom
- ◆ Memorize **VICs**: Marriage, Divorce, Single; "Agape" Love Chapter; Paul's "Resurrection" Chapter
- ◆ Memorize **VIPs**: Matthew 5:28; Hebrews 13:4
- ◆ Work on March Projects & Service Duty (*need to accumulate the correct number of points...posted in Google Classroom*)

# FAMILY-CENTERED CATECHISM: PARENT HELPS

## Lesson #24 – The Lord’s Supper: Eternal Blessings

*Luther’s Catechism* – p. 356-361

*Catechism Connections* – p. 166-168

**Read The Blessings of Holy Communion out loud together.** (what is here will be what you will study in this lesson)

**Read the Introduction to the lesson out loud.**

Use the Catechism to read each question to your child (the exact question is in their Connections workbook). Then let him/her look up the Bible passage and read it...repeat the question and let your child find the answer in the Bible.

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351. Matthew 26:28; Revelation 1:4,5 ... *in the Lord’s Supper, God gives us the forgiveness of sins*

**Discussion Question:** The word forgiveness really means “sent away”. How is that a fitting description?

**Read A Closer Look** (p.357)      What is a covenant? How did Jesus establish the new covenant?

352. Isaiah 53:6; 2 Corinthians 5:21 ... *God put our sins on Jesus and he carried our sins to the cross shedding his blood to remove them from us*

**Discussion Question:** How is the Lord’s Supper covenant, or promise, similar and/or different than a promise between two guys to be “blood brothers”?

**Read A Closer Look** (p.357,358)

353. Romans 5:9; Romans 6:22,23 ... *in the Lord’s Supper Jesus also give us the life and salvation*

**Discussion Question:** When...exactly...does the body and blood of Jesus become present with the bread and wine? In the altar guild room? When they are placed on the altar? When the pastor makes the sign of the cross?

**Discussion Question:** When are the bread and wine no longer present with the body and blood of Jesus? After the Lord’s Supper is done being served? When they are put away? When they are completely consumed?

354. Luke 22:19,20 ... *in the Lord's Supper, God gives us forgiveness, life and salvation in very personal and individual way*

**Discussion Question:** Is the Lord's Supper something we do for God, or something God does for us?

Read and answer **Connections** (p.359,360) ... use the hymn verses from *What Is This Bread?* as your closing prayer.

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## STUDENT WEEKLY WORK:

- ◆ Complete the assignment on *Lord's Supper: A Blessed & Important Meal* in Google Classroom
- ◆ Memorize **VICs**: The Roles in Marriage; Instructions on Worship; The Antichrist
- ◆ Memorize **VIPs**: Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 10:12
- ◆ Work on March Projects & Service Duty (*need to accumulate the correct number of points...posted in Google Classroom*)