

**Question 16.** How many parts are there in a Sacrament?

**Answer.** Two; the outward visible sign, and the inward spiritual grace.

**Question 17.** What is the outward visible sign or form in Baptism?

**Answer.** Water, in which the person is baptized In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Question 18.** What is the inward and spiritual grace?

**Answer.** A death to sin and a new birth to righteousness; for although by nature we are born in sin, and children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.

**Question 19.** What is required of persons to be baptized?

**Answer.** Repentance, by which they forsake sin; and faith, by which they steadfastly believe the promises of God made to them in that Sacrament.

**Question 20.** Why then are infants baptized when, because of their tender age, they cannot perform these things?

**Answer.** Because they promise them both, by their Godparents; and when they come of age they themselves are bound to perform the things promised.

**Question 21.** Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?

**Answer.** For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive by it.

**Question 22.** What is the outward part or sign of the Lord's Supper?

**Answer.** Bread and Wine, which the Lord has commanded to be received.

**Question 23.** What is the inward part, or thing signified?

**Answer.** The Body and Blood of Christ, which are truly and certainly taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

**Question 24.** In what manner are the Body and Blood of Christ taken and received in the Lord's Supper?

**Answer.** Only in a heavenly and spiritual manner; and the means by which they are taken and received is faith.

**Question 25.** What benefits do we partake of by receiving the Lord's Supper?

**Answer.** The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

**Question 26.** What is required of those who come to the Lord's Supper?

**Answer.** To examine themselves: whether they truly repent of their former sins and steadfastly intend to lead a new life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death; and are in charity with all people.

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**Question 1.** What is your Name?

**Answer.** *Christian Name or Names.*

**Question 2.** Who gave you this Name?

**Answer.** My Godfathers and Godmothers in my Baptism; wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

**Question 3.** What did your Godfathers and Godmothers do for you then?

**Answer.** They promised and vowed three things in my name:

First, that I should renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh;

Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith;

And thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and Commandments and walk in them all the days of my life.

**Question 4.** Do you not think that you are bound to believe, and to do, what they have promised for you?

**Answer.** Yes, certainly; and by God's help so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he has called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray to God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the same until my life's end.

**Question 5.** Can you repeat the Articles of your belief (the Apostles' Creed)?

**Answer:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Question 6.** What do you chiefly learn in these Articles of your belief?

**Answer.** First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who has made me, and all the world; Secondly, in God the Son, who has redeemed me and all mankind; Thirdly, in God the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies me, and all the elect people of God.

**Question 7.** You said that your Godfathers and Godmothers promised for you that you should keep God's Commandments. Tell me how many there are?

**Answer.** Ten.

**Question 8.** What are they?

**Answer.** The ones which God spoke in the twentieth chapter of Exodus, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

1. You shall have no other gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself any idol, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing mercy to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
3. You shall not dishonour the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who dishonours his name.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all that you have to do; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. In it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the who is within your gates; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.
5. Honour your father and your mother: that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you.
6. You shall not commit murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not be a false witness against your neighbour.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's house, you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

**Question 9.** What do you chiefly learn by these Commandments?

**Answer.** I learn two things: my duty towards God, and my duty towards my neighbours.

**Question 10.** What is your duty towards God?

**Answer.** My duty towards God is to believe in him, to fear him and to love him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength; to worship him, to give him thanks, to put my whole trust in him, to call upon him, to honour his holy Name and his Word, and to serve him truly all the days of my life.

**Question 11.** What is your duty towards your neighbours?

**Answer.** My duty towards my neighbours is to love them as myself, and to do to all people as I would have them do to me; to love, honour, and help my father and mother; to honour and obey all who are put in authority over me; to submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors, and masters; to conduct myself humbly and reverently to all who are set over me; to hurt nobody by word or deed; to be true and just in all my dealings; to bear no malice or hatred in my heart; to keep my hands from picking and stealing, and my tongue from evil speaking, lying, and slandering; to keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity; not to covet nor desire other people's goods; but to learn and labour truly to get my own living, and to do my duty in that state of life to which it shall please God to call me.

**Question 12.** My good child, know this: that you are not able to do these things by yourself, nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve him, without his special grace; which you must y diligent prayer. Let me hear, therefore, if you can say the Lord's Prayer.

**Answer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Question 13.** What do you desire from God in this prayer?

**Answer.** I desire my Lord God our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness, to send his grace to me, and to all people; that we may worship him, serve him, and obey him, as we ought to do. And I pray to God that he will send us all things that are needed both for our souls and bodies; and that he will be merciful to us and forgive us our sins; and that it will please him to save and defend us in all spiritual and bodily dangers; and that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our spiritual enemy, and from everlasting death. And this I trust he will do by his mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. And therefore I say, "Amen," So be it.

**Question 14.** How many Sacraments has Christ ordained in his Church?

**Answer.** Two only, as generally necessary to salvation; that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.

**Question 15.** What do you mean by this word Sacrament?

**Answer.** I mean an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given to us, ordained by Christ himself, as a means by which we receive this grace, and a pledge to assure us of it.