



A Year with the Catechism

(In preparation for next week.)

The Sacrament of the Altar (Part III)

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Bible Passages

The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

[1 John 1:7]

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. *[Matthew 26:28]*

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? *[Romans 8:31-32]*

You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a Lamb without blemish or defect. *[1 Peter 1:18-19]*

Weekly Catechism Reading

Exodus 13

Matthew 26:17-30

Mark 14:12-26

Luke 22:7-39

John 6:22-69

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

1 Corinthians 10:14-22



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Devotion

Bible Readings

1 John 1:7

1 Corinthians 11:26

Devotion

He ate every cookie in the jar! His mom was outside and those chocolate chip cookies looked so good. He really got in trouble and then got really sick. Mom told him he should have known eating more than a few was bad for him, besides being the wrong thing to do.

When we eat and drink at the Lord's Supper it does do us good. We get just what we need, the forgiveness of sins. It takes away our sins, the little sins, the big sins, all are wiped away. What a great feeling!

When our Lord Jesus Christ gave us the Sacrament of the Altar, He gave it to us for the forgiveness of our sins. When we come in humble repentance, not only do we receive the forgiveness of our sins, but also receive everlasting life and salvation. However, when eaten wrongly, without repentance or "it's my right" this meal bring harm and ultimately condemnation.

Jesus gave us this Meal to feed us with the Good Food that is His Body and Blood. May we not be held guilty of that Body and Blood, but rather it be that which marks us as one redeemed by Christ.

Prayer

Gracious Father, You have given us a promise of eternal life. Help me to worthily receive forgiveness in Your Holy Supper. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.