

# Genevan Catechism

*The manner of questioning children who wish to receive the Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Parent/Minister:** In whom do you believe?

**Child:** In God the Father, and in Jesus Christ His Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

**Parent/Minister:** The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, are they more than one God?

**Child:** No.

**Parent/Minister:** Should we serve God according to His commandments or according to the traditions of men?

**Child:** We must serve Him according to His commandments and not according to the commandments of men.

**Parent/Minister:** Can you obey the commandments of God on your own?

**Child:** No.

**Parent/Minister:** Then who does them in you?

**Child:** The Holy Spirit.

**Parent/Minister:** And when God gives you His Holy Spirit, can you do them perfectly?

**Child:** Not at all.

**Parent/Minister:** And yet God curses and rejects all those who do not completely keep His commandments.

**Child:** It is true.

**Parent/Minister:** How, then, can you be saved and delivered from the curse of God?

**Child:** By the death and suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Parent/Minister:** To whom do you pray?

**Child:** To God.

**Parent/Minister:** In whose name do you pray to Him?

**Child:** In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is our advocate and intercessor.

**Parent/Minister:** How many sacraments are in the Christian church?

**Child:** Two.

**Parent/Minister:** What are they?

**Child:** Baptism and the Holy Supper.

**Parent/Minister:** What is the significance of baptism?

**Child:** It has two parts. Because in it our Lord shows us the forgiveness of our sins and then our regeneration and spiritual renewal.

**Parent/Minister:** And the Supper, what does it signify to us?

**Child:** It signifies to us that by the communication of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, our souls are nourished in the hope of eternal life.

**Parent/Minister:** What does the bread and the wine given to us in the Supper represent to us?

**Child:** They represent to us that the body and blood of Jesus Christ has the same virtue toward our souls that bread and wine have toward our bodies.

**Parent/Minister:** Do you think that the body of Jesus Christ is in the bread and his blood in the wine?

**Child:** Not at all.

**Parent/Minister:** Where, then, must we seek Jesus Christ so that we might have the benefit?

**Child:** In heaven, in the glory of God His Father.

**Parent/Minister:** What is the way to go up to heaven, there where Jesus is?

**Child:** By faith.

**Parent/Minister:** It is necessary, therefore, to have true faith before we can rightly take this holy sacrament.

**Child:** Yes.

**Parent/Minister:** And how can we have this faith?

**Child:** We have it by the Holy Spirit, who lives in our hearts and renders certain to us the promises of God that are made to us in the Gospel.