

Rite of Confirmation Exam Questions

(Part 3 of 3)

Confession and Forgiveness

1. **What does the Bible say about confession and forgiveness?** It is God's authority given to the church to forgive the sins of those who repent and to retain the sins of those who do not repent. (John 20:22-23)
2. **Whose sins are to be forgiven?** The sins of those who repent.
3. **Whose sins are not to be forgiven?** The sins of those who do not repent.
4. **How are we to regard the forgiveness that we receive from the minister?** He is speaking the words of forgiveness on behalf of God for those who repent.
5. **Which sins should we plead guilty before God?** Of all our sins (I John 1:8-9; Proverbs 28:13)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

6. **What is a sacrament?** A sacred act commanded by God that combines God's Word with a visible element which we receive the forgiveness of sin.
7. **What are the two sacraments?** Holy Baptism, and the Lord's Supper.
8. **What does Jesus say about Baptism?** Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." - Matthew 28:19
9. **What charge has Christ given His Church?** "Go and make disciples (Christ Followers) of all nations"
10. **How are we to make disciples (Christ Followers)?** By baptizing and by teaching.
11. **How is the water in Baptism to be applied?** By washing, pouring, or immersion.
12. **What words must be spoken when the water is applied?** "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
13. **What gifts does God give us through baptism?** The forgiveness of sins, Life and Salvation
14. **How can water in Baptism do such great things?** It is not the water that does such great things it is the Word of God in and with the water.
15. **Who do we reject in Holy Baptism?** Satan and his allies.
16. **Why can we baptize infants as well as adults?** Because they are included in "all nations" and it is a means by which infants who are born with natural sin can enter the Kingdom of God.
17. **How do we know that the Lord can work faith in the hearts of infants?**
Because Christ Himself says that these little ones believe in Him. (Matthew 18:1-6)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

18. **What is Holy Communion?** It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with the bread and wine given for the forgiveness of sin.
19. **Who gave us the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?** Jesus did on the night in which he was betrayed.
20. **What does the Bible say regarding the words of Jesus the night he gave us this sacrament?** "Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin - Matthew 26:26-28

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- 21. What did Jesus mean when he said... “This is my body”, “This is my blood”?**
He meant what he said. It is His true body and blood which is really present with the bread and the wine.
- 22. What blessing does Jesus say we receive through Holy Communion?**
Forgiveness of our sins.
- 23. Can you come to the Lord’s Supper if you are weak in faith? Why?** Yes! So that your faith may be strengthened.
- 24. What questions should I ask to examine myself before participating in the Lord’s Supper?**
- Do I truly believe in Jesus Christ?
 - Am I truly sorry for my sins?
 - Do I intend to change my sinful life?
 - Do I believe the true body and blood of Christ under the bread and wine

Other:

- 25. What is Christianity?** It is not merely a religion or membership in a church but a life focused on a relationship with the Triune God and faith in the saving act of Jesus through his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead.
- 26. Who was Martin Luther?** He was a Christian reformer from Germany in the early 1500’s.
- 27. What was Martin Luther’s Legacy to the Church?**
- Grace Alone (Sola Gratia): Salvation comes to us not by our own merit or doing but rather by Gods doing motivated by unconditional love for us.
 - Scripture Alone (Sola Scriptura) The Bible is the only inspired and authoritative word of God. It is the source of truth and accessible to all.
 - Faith Alone (Sola Fida) Forgiveness and salvation are available to us through faith in Christ only, without requiring good works.
- 28. What is the Rite of Confirmation?** It is a public rite in which I will acknowledge the promises God made at my baptism and make a public confession of faith and a lifelong pledge to follow Jesus.
- 29. How do we live our life in response to all that God has done for us?**
- Love God (Worship him, Serve him, Obey His commands)
 - Love Others (Share the Gospel, Help those in need, forgive others as God forgives us)
- 30. What Bible verse describes how we are to be faithful to Christ** “Be faithful even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” - Revelations 2:10