

Lessons 47 - November 3, 2010 - Baptism (Q279-284; pgs.237-241)

1. Look at the Morning and Evening Prayer. Knowing the importance of remembering and reliving our baptisms every day, why do you think Martin Luther suggested starting both prayers with the words “In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit”?
2. Each us could take a bar of soap and trace a cross on the mirror the first time we look at ourselves in the morning. That way we could see ourselves as “crucified with Christ.” Is that a good idea? Why or why not?
3. Look in Christian Worship pg.12-14
 - a) Where does it say that confessing our sins and receiving God’s forgiveness is reliving our baptisms?
 - b) Where on those pages is Martin Luther’s explanation of what Baptism means for us every day?
4. A or D: We will never be done reliving our baptisms
5. The Formula of Concord, one of the Lutheran Confessions, describes the old self as “an unmanageable, recalcitrant donkey.” What does recalcitrant mean? Explain the whole metaphor in your own words.
6. Brenda says, “I hardly ever think about my baptism, but it doesn’t seem to matter. I still live a good Christian life.” How would you respond to her?
7. A or D: There is a constant war within every Christian’s heart and mind.
8. A or D: Since the Holy Spirit is at work in baptism, no baptized person will ever fall away from faith.

Assignment for November 10, 2010

Review: Questions 265-284 (pgs.220-241)

