#1 Books of the Old Testament

Genesis Ezra Joel

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Joshua Proverbs Nahum

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1 Samuel Isaiah Haggai

2 Samuel Jeremiah Zechariah

1 Kings Lamentations Malachi

2 Kings Ezekiel

1 Chronicles Daniel

2 Chronicles Hosea

#2 Books of the New Testament

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Acts 2 Thessalonians 1 John

Romans 1 Timothy 2 John

1 Corinthians 2 Timothy 3 John

2 Corinthians Titus Jude

Galatians Philemon Revelation

#3 1 John 1:8-9

 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and

 to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#4 John 20:31

 But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,

 the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

#5 John 5:39

 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have

 eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me

#6 Acts 2:38-39

 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in

 the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will

 receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for

 your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our

 God calls to himself.”

#7 John 8:31-32

 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my

 word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the

 truth will set you free.”

#8 Hebrews 11:1

 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things

 not seen.

#9 Psalms 51:5

 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  and in sin did my mother

 conceive me.

#10 1 Peter 2:11

 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the

 passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

#11 2 Corinthians 5:17

 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.The old has

 passed away; behold, the new has come.

#12 Baptism, Part I

 *What is Baptism?*

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

 *Which is that word of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore, 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)

#13 Galatians 3:26-27

 For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many

 of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

#14 Baptism, Part II

 *What benefits does Baptism give?*

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

 *Which are these words and promises of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

#15 Baptism, Part III

 *How can water do such great things?*

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying" (Titus 3:5-8).

#16 Baptism, Part IV

 *What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

 *Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6:4).

#17 Acts 4:12

 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under

 heaven given among menby which we must be saved.

#18 Sacrament of the Altar, Part I

 *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

#19 Sacrament of the Altar, Part II

 *Where is this written?*

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#20 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," shows 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.

#21 Sacrament of the Altar, Part IV

 *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

#22 Sacrament of the Altar, Part V

 *Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

#23 Psalms 118:8

 It is better to take refuge in the Lord  than to trust in man.

#24 Proverbs 3:5-6

 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  and do not lean on your own

 understanding.In all your ways acknowledge him,  and he will make

 straight your paths.

#25 **The First Commandment**

 You shall have no other gods.

 *What does this mean?*

 We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

#26 Psalms 111:10

 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  all those who practice

 it have a good understanding.  His praise endures forever!

#27 Leviticus 19:12

 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of

 your God: I am the Lord.

#28 **The Second Commandment**

 You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

 *What does this mean?*

 We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

#29 Joshua 1:8

 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall

 meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do

 according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way

 prosperous, and then you will have good success.

#30 **The Third Commandment**

 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

 *What does this mean?*

 We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

#31 Colossians 3:20

 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

#32 **The Fourth Commandment**

 Honor your father and your mother.

 *What does this mean?*

 We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

#33 Romans 12:20

 To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty,

 give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning

 coals on his head.”

#34 1 John 3:15

 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no

 murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

#35 **The Fifth Commandment**

 You shall not murder.

 *What does this mean?*

 We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

#36 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit

 within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you

 were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

#37 **The Sixth Commandment**

 You shall not commit adultery.

 *What does this mean?*

 We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

#38 Matthew 7:12

 So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

#39 **The Seventh Commandment**

 You shall not steal.

 *What does this mean?*

 We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

#40 Luke 6:37

 Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not

 be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

#41 **The Eighth Commandment**

 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

 *What does this mean?*

 We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest possible way.

#42 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or

 resentful;it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all

 things.

#43 **The Ninth Commandment**

 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

 *What does this mean?*

 We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

#44 **The Tenth Commandment**

 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

 *What does this mean?*

 We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

#45 Matthew 10:28

 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

 Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

#46 The Close of the Commandments

 What does God say about all of these commandments?

 He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments" (Exodus 20:5-6).

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*What does this mean?*

 God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

#48 **The Lord’s Prayer, The Introduction**

 Our Father who art in heaven.

 *What does this mean?*

 With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

#49 Psalms 103:13

 As a father shows compassion to his children,  so the Lord shows

 compassion to those who fear him.

#50 **The Lord’s Prayer, The First Petition**

 Hallowed be Thy name.

 *What does this mean?*

 God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

 *How is God's name kept holy?*

 God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

#51 **The Lord’s Prayer, The Second Petition**

 Thy kingdom come.

 *What does this mean?*

 The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

 *How does God's kingdom come?*

 God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

#52 **The Lord’s Prayer, The Third Petition**

 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

 *What does this mean?*

 The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

 *How is God's will done?*

 God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

#53 **The Lord’s Prayer, The Fourth Petition**

 Give us this day our daily bread.

 *What does this mean?*

 God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

 *What is meant by daily bread?*

 Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

#54 **The Lord’s Prayer, The Fifth Petition**

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

 *What does this mean?*

 We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

#55 **The Lord’s Prayer, The Sixth Petition**

 And lead us not into temptation.

 *What does this mean?*

 God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

#56 **The Lord’s Prayer, The Seventh Petition**

 But deliver us from evil.

 *What does this mean?*

 We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

#57 **The Lord’s Prayer, The Conclusion**

 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

 *What does this mean?*

 This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen, means, "yes, yes, it shall be so."

#58 **The First Article – Creation**

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

 *What does this mean?*

 I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does out of Fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

#59 **The Second Article – Redemption**

 I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

 *What does this mean?*

 I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

 #60 **The Third Article – Sanctification**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

 *What does this mean?*

 I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way, He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church, He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

**Confession**

#61 *What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in Heaven.

#62 *What sins should we confess?*

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

#63 *Which are these?*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

#64 Matthew 5:23-24

 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

#65 1 John 1:8-9

 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.