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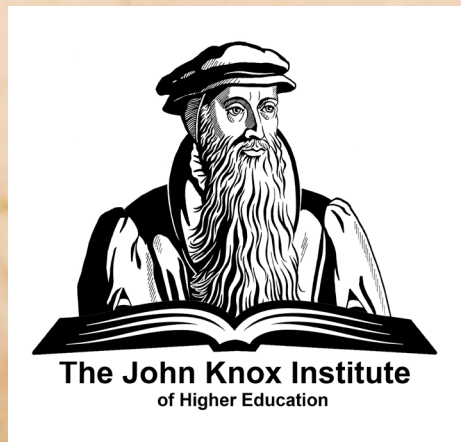
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Memorization

Question 97: *What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper?*

Answer: *It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; les, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. An important distinction.
3. A required examination.
4. A real danger.
5. Applications.

Literal Study

1. Define these words as they are used in this lecture:

a) Partake _____

b) Worthily _____

c) Unworthily _____

2. Paraphrase the answer to this question or put it into your own words.

Lecture Checkup

1. What is the right way of coming to the Lord's Supper?

2. What is the wrong way of coming to the Lord's Supper?

3. Why is self-examination necessary before coming to the Lord's Supper?

4. Explain what it means "to discern the Lord's body"? What is the right way to discern the Lord's body?

5. What does examining our faith include?

6. What does it mean to examine our repentance?

7. What does examining our love refer to?

8. What does it mean to examine ourself for new obedience?

9. What are the three ways that people might come unworthily to the Lord's Supper?

10. What is the right way to respond to this warning?

Further Studies

1. What is required in the way of preparation for this sacrament, besides self-examination?

2. If those who are true believers do take pains in self-examination and other duties to get their hearts prepared, and yet they are still out of frame, would they be unworthy receivers if they come to the Lord's table?

3. When we doubt and fear whether we are true believers, may we come to the Lord's table?

4. What is required of worthy receivers after they come from the table of the Lord?

Practical Application

1. What if a person is a true believer, but he is not yet able to explain or understand the Lord's Supper, or if he is unable to examine himself spiritually. What should he do?

2. What if a person is a believer, and he does understand the Lord's Supper, and he is able to examine himself, but he finds that he has fallen into sin. What should he do?

Project Ideas

Obtain and read the formularies (book of church order) of the various Protestant Reformed churches concerning the Lord's Supper.