

Intro: What is the *same* about both sacraments: READ WLC Q&A 176

Main Point of Texts: Baptism signifies Christ is with you in the Spirit until the end; and the Lord's Supper signifies that, in the end, Christ will come back for you in the flesh.

Sermon Point: *The Sacraments Keep You Going Until the End.*

Move 1: *Because God ordained both sacraments, both will sustain you.*

LC: "the author of both is God":

- **Mat. 28:19:** Jesus said: *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them ...*
- **1 Cor. 11:23** *For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you ...*

Move 2: *The Spirit applies Christ and His redemption to your faith through both sacraments.*

LC: "the spiritual part of both is Christ and his benefits", union/communion: thing signified:

- **Rom 6:3-4:** *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ ... like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father ... so we also should walk in newness of life.*
- **1 Cor. 10:16:** *The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?*

Move 3: *The LORD confirms and affirms His gracious faithfulness to you in both sacraments.*

LC: "both are seals of the same covenant": visible signs to symbolize spiritual things: union/communion:

- **Rom. 4:11:** *... he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had ...* Sacraments: physical signs that guarantee spiritual graces. Not of "faith", but "righteousness".
- Sacraments signify [symbolize], seal [guarantee], and exhibit [apply] to you the benefits of Christ.

Move 4: *The Lord ensures the proper administration of both sacraments to you by His pastors.*

LC: "are to be dispensed by ministers of the gospel, and by none other":

- **1 Cor. 4:1:** *Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.* Us: Paul, Apollos, Cephas (1 Cor. 3:22): Ordained ministers. Paul/Presbytery "laid hands".
- **Heb. 5:4:** *And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.*
- Jer. 3:15; Eph 4:8, 11-13

Move 5: *Both sacraments are designed to get you through this world and into the new one.*

LC: "and to be continued in the church of Christ until his second coming":

- **Mat 28:19-20:** *baptizing ... I am with you always, even unto the end of the world ...*
- **1 Cor. 11:26** *... as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*
- Both speak of where you are re: final destination: 1 Jn. 2:18; Heb. 1:2; 1 Cor. 10:11; Rev. 1:9; 22:20.

Conclusion: *The Sacraments Keep You Going Until the End.*