

## Theology Simply Explained — WSC92

### “The Sacraments: Christ Telling, Affirming, and Giving Himself and His Benefits to Us”

**Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 92—especially explaining how Christ has given us things to do physically to T.A.G. believers with Himself and His benefits: to tell, affirm, and give Himself and His benefits to us.**

Q92. What is a sacrament? **A sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.**

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Catechism question this week is what is a sacrament the answer is A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ, wherein by sensible signs christ. And the benefits of the new covenant are represented sealed. And applied to believers. So the first thing about a sacrament obviously is that christ is the one who's instituted it.

This means that it's limited by the number that christ is instituted, we can't add our own He has instituted ordained to. Sacraments. Baptism in the lord's supper. That'll be Uh, next week's question our next week's answer Uh, but anyone who would create more of them such as The papers who have seven.

And others who do things like practice. Foot washing, as if it's a sacrament. Um, They are. Assuming to themselves. Prerogatives that belong only to the lord jesus. This, of course. Not only as blasphemous against the lord jesus, but as we already learned last week, doesn't make any sense at all.

Because the sacrament can only become. Effectual into salvation by the blessing of christ and the work of the spirit.

So, we can't. Bless our own sacrament, or Make our own idea effectual. And so it is both wicked and foolish to have any other sacrament except that which has been instituted by christ. Now in the sacraments, the lord jesus has taken sensible signs. Sorry, i began to say sensory, because We use the word sensible now, to mean, Something that is reasonable.

Where the logic fits together? But the word sensible. Here means something that is accessible by our census. Site touch smell taste. Etc. So we're in by sensible signs Christ. And the benefits of the new covenant. So not just the benefits but christ himself. Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant are represented sealed.

And applied. To believers.

So, in the sacraments, the lord jesus. Tags believers. He tells us. About himself and his benefits. And so he tells us about himself as the one who washes away our sin. The one who has authority the one into his name. Uh, we are joined the one. That we must be united to in order to be saved.

The one who pours out his spirit, The one who has given his body for us on the cross. It's blood shed to forgive us our sins, attend for our sins, and secure us to god consecrate us to god, mind us to god. So, The sacraments tell us about christ and his benefits.

They also affirm to us. That. The the benefits, the offer of salvation is genuine. It's real. It's from the lord jesus. They assure us. That. Christ. And all that is in him is really Given to all who believe. So that's ta they tell us about him, the affirm. Him to us assures of him.

And then this is very important. The sacraments are also a means by which Christ, gives himself to us. And the sacraments are means by, which christ gives Us, the benefits that are in him. And so that's in the word applied here, represented they tell us about him sealed they affirm or assaurus Of him, and all that is in him and then in the last place applied to believers.

The sacraments are actually means by which jesus gives himself to us. The sacraments are actually means by which Jesus gives the benefits of his salvation. To us, that's very important. They're not just rituals we do on earth. They're not just things that help remind us. They tell us about the lord jesus and his benefits.

They assure us. That all who have faith have the lord jesus and his benefits. And they are means by which he actually gives himself. And has benefits to us. And so a sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by christ. We're in by sensible signs christ and the benefits of the new covenant.

Are represented sealed. And applied to believers.