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Chiefly, for the spiritual nourishment  
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**MILK FOR  
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Q. *WHat hath GOD done for you?*

A. God hath made me, (a) He keepeth me, and He can save me.

Q. *Who is God?*

A. God is a Spirit of (b) himself and for himself.

Q. *How many Gods be there?*

A. There is but one God in three Persons, (c) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Q. *How did God make you?*

A. In my first parents (d) holy and righteous.

Qu. *Are you then born holy and righteous?*

A. No, my first father (e) sinned, and I in him.

a Psa. 119:73.

Ps. 121:4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Isa. 63:1.

b Joh. 4:24 Exo. 3:14

c 1 Cor. 8:6. 1 Joh. 5:7.

d Gen. 1:26, 27. Eccles. 7:29.

e Is. 43:27 Ro. 5:19.

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Q. *Are you then born a sinner?*

A. I was conceived in sin, and (f) born in iniquity.

Q. *What is your birth-sin?*

A. ADAM'S sin imputed to me, (g) and a corrupt Nature dwelling in me.

Q. *What is your corrupt Nature?*

Answ. My corrupt nature is empty of (h) Grace, bent unto sin, and only unto sin, and that continually.

Q. *What is sin?*

Answ. Sin is the (i) transgression of the Law.

Qu. *How many commandments of the Law be there?*

Ans. (k) Ten.

Q. *What is the first Commandment?*

A. Thou shalt have no other Gods but (l) me.

Qu. *What is the meaning of this commandment?*

A. That we should (m) worship the only true God, and no other beside him.

Q. *What is the 2d. Commandment?*

A. Thou shalt not make to thy self any graven image, &c.

f Ps. 51:5.

g Rom. 5:12, 13, 14; Eph. 4:22

h Rom. 7:18; Gen. 6:5.

i 1 Joh. 3:4

k Deut. 4:13.

l Ex. 20:3.

m Mat. 4:10.

n Exo. 20:4, 5.

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Qu. *What is the meaning of this Commandment?*

Ans. That we should worship the (o) true God with true worship: such as God hath ordained, not such as man hath invented.

Q. *What is the third commandment?*

A. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, &c.

Qu. *What is here meant by the Name of God?*

A. God (p) himself and the good things of God, whereby he is known, as a man by his name; as his Attributes, worship, word, and works.

Qu. *What is it not to take his Name in vain?*

A. To make use of God, and the good things of God, to his glory, and our (q) good: not vainly, not unreverently, not unprofitably.

Qu. *What is the fourth Commandment?*

A. Remember that thou keep holy the (r) Sabbath day, &c.

Q. *What is the meaning of this Commandment?*

A. That we should rest from labour

*o* Joh. 4:24; De. 12:32; Mat. 15:9.

*p* Deut. 28:58; Ex. 33:19 with 34:6; 1 Kin 9:3; Psa. 138:2; Job. 1:21.

*q* 2 Kings 1:3; Lev. 10:3; Job. 36:24; 1 Cor. 10:31; Job. 5:27; Deut 8:16; Jer. 2:30; Lev. 26:2; Heb. 4:2.

*r* Exod. 20:8, 9, 10, 11

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and much more from play on (s) the Lord's day, that we may draw nigh to God in holy duties.

Quest. *What is the fifth Commandment?*

*Answ.* Honour thy Father, and thy mother, (t) that thy days may be long in the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Quest. *Who are here meant by Father and mother?*

*Answ.* All our superiors, whether in (u) Family, School, Church, and Commonwealth.

Quest. *What is the honour due to them?*

*Answ.* Reverence, (w) obedience, and (when I am able) Recompense.

Quest. *What is the sixth Commandment?*

*Answ.* Thou shalt do no (x) murder.



Quest. *What is the meaning of this Commandment?*

Ans. That we should not shorten the (*y*) life, or health of our selves or others, but preserve both.

*s* Isa 58:13, 14; Exo. 32:6.

*t* Exod 20:12.

*u* Prov. 23:22; 1 King. 5:13; and 2:12; 1 Cor. 4:15; 2 Chr. 29:11; 1 Ti. 5:1; 1 Sa. 25:8; Gen. 4:20, 21.

*w* Mal. 1:6; Heb. 12:9; Eph. 6:1; 1 Tim. 5:4.

*x* Exo. 20:13.

*y* Math. 5:22; 2 Cor. 7:10; 1 Sam 26:24; Mar. 3:4.

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Quest. *What is the seventh Commandment?*

Ans. Thou shalt not commit (*z*) Adultery.

Quest. *What is the sin here forbidden?*

Ans. To defile ourselves or others (*a*) with unclean lusts.

Quest. *What is the duty here commanded?*

Ans. Chastity, to possess (*b*) our vessels in holiness and honour.

Quest. *What is the eighth Commandment?*

Ans. Thou shalt not (*c*) steal.

Quest. *What is the stealth here forbidden?*

Ans. To take away (*d*) another man's goods, without his leave: or to spend our own without benefit to our selves or others.

Quest. *What is the duty here commanded?*

Ans. To get our goods (*e*) honestly, to keep them safely, and to spend them thriftily.

Quest. *What is the ninth Com-  
mandment?*

*z* Exo. 20:14.

*a* Gen. 38:9, 10. Lev. 18:24.

*b* Tit. 2:5. 1 Pet. 3:2. 1 Thes. 4:4, 5.

*c* Exod. 20:15.

*d* Luk. 19:8. 1 The. 4:6. Pro. 21:20.

*e* Pro 13:11. Joh. 6:12. Luk. 19:16. & 15:13.

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*A.* Thou (*f*) shalt not bear false witness against thy Neighbour.

Quest. *What is the sin here for-  
bidden?*

*Answ.* To (*g*) lie falsely, to think or speak untruly of our selves, or others.

Quest. *What is the duty here re-  
quired?*

*A.* Truth and faithfulness.

Quest. *What is the tenth Comman-  
dment?*

*A.* Thou shalt not covet, &c.

Q. *What is the coveting here for-  
bidden?*

*Answ.* Lust after the things of other men: and want of contentment with our own.

Qu. *Whether have you kept all these  
Commandments?*

*Answ.* No, I and all men are sin-  
ners.

Qu. *What is the ways of sin?*

*A.* Death and damnation.

Quest. *How look you then to be  
saved?*

*Answ.* Only by Jesus Christ.

Qu. *Who is Jesus Christ?*

*f* Exo. 20:16.

*g* Ep. 4:25 Jer. 9:4, 5 Josh. 9:22 Prov. 13:7

*h* Ep. 4:25 Mat. 23:23

*i* Ex. 20:17  
*k* Ro. 7:7 Heb. 13:5  
*l* Ro. 7:14 and 3:23  
*m* Ro. 6:23 and 2:8, 9  
*n* Acts 4:12

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*A.* The eternal Son of God, who for our sakes (*o*) became man, that he might redeem and save us.

*Qu.* *How doth Christ redeem and save us?*

*A.* By his righteous life, and bitter death, and glorious resurrection, to life (*p*) again.

*Qu.* *How do we come to have part and fellowship with Christ, in his Death and Resurrection?*

*A.* By the power of his (*q*) Word and Spirit, which bring us to Christ, and keep us in him.

*Qu.* *What is his Word?*

*A.* The (*r*) Holy Scriptures of the Prophets and Apostles, The Old and New Testament, Law and Gospel.

*Qu.* *How doth the Ministry of the Law bring you towards Christ?*

*A.* By bringing me to know my sin, and the wrath of God against me for it.

*Qu.* *What are you thereby the nearer to Christ?*

*A.* So I come to feel my cursed estate, and need of a Saviour.

*o* 1 Joh. 5:20. Prov. 8:23, 24, 25. John 1:14 2 Cor. 8:9 Lu. 1:68, 69, and 2:11.

*p* Gal. 4:4, 5. Math. 20:28. Phi. 2:7, 8 Rom. 4:25

*q* Joh. 17:20, 21. 2 Co. 5:20 1 Co. 6:17

*r* 2 Tim. 3:15, 16.

*s* Ro. 3:20 Gal. 3:10, 24. Ro. 7:9, 10

*t* Gal. 3:10, 24.

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Quest. *How doth the Ministry of the Gospel help you in this cursed Estate?*

Ans. By humbling me (u) yet more, and then raising me up out of this Estate.

Quest. *How doth the ministry of the Gospel humble you more?*

Ans. By revealing the (w) grace of the Lord Jesus, in dying to save sinners: and yet convincing me of my sin, in not believing on him, and of mine utter insufficiency, to come to him; And so I feel my self utterly lost.

Quest. *How then doth the Ministry of the Gospel raise you up out of this lost estate to come unto Christ?*

Ans. By (x) teaching me the value and the virtue of the death of Christ, and the riches of his grace to lost sinners: By revealing the promise of grace to such, and by ministering the Spirit of grace, to apply Christ, and his promise of grace unto my self, and to keep me in him.

Qu. *How doth the spirit of grace ap-*

*u* Luk. 3:4, 5, 6.

*w* 2 Tim. 1:10. 1 Tim. 1:15. Joh. 16:7, 9. & 6:44. Lu. 19:10.

*x* Joh. 12:32. 2 Cor. 5:19, 20. Can. 5:10 to 16. with 6:1. 2 Cor. 3:18. Lu. 19:10. Mat. 9:13. Gal. 3:5. Rom. 10:17. with 1:16.

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*ply Christ, and his promise of grace unto you, and keep you in him?*

Ans. By begetting in me (y) faith to receive him: Prayer to call upon

him: Repentance to mourn after him: and new obedience to serve him.

Quest. *What is Faith?*

*Answ.* Faith is a grace of the (z) spirit; whereby I deny my self: and believe on Christ for righteousness and salvation.

Quest. *What is Prayer?*

*Answ.* It is a calling upon (a) God in the Name of Christ, by the help of the Holy Ghost, according to the will of God.

Quest. *What is Repentance?*

*Answ.* Repentance is a (b) grace of the spirit, whereby I loath my sins, and my self for them, and confess them before the Lord, and mourn after Christ for the pardon of them, and for grace to serve him in newness of life.

Quest. *What is newness of life or new obedience?*

*Answ.* Newness of life is a (c) grace of the spirit, whereby I forsake my

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*y* Rom. 10:17. & 10:14. Zach. 12:10. Rom. 16:25, 26. 2 Cor. 10:4, 5.  
*z* Phil 1:29. 2 Cor. 4:13. Phil 3:8, 9.

*a* Mat. 6:9. Joh. 16:23. Rom. 8:16, 27. 1 Joh. 5:14.

*b* Acts. 5:31. Zach. 12:10 Eze. 6:9. Job. 42:6. 2 Sam. 24:10. Levit. 26:40,  
 41 Pro. 28:13. 1 Sam. 7:2 Psal. 51:1, 2, 10.

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former lusts, and vain company, and walk before the Lord in the light of his word, and in the Communion of his Saints.

Qu. *What is the communion of Saints?*

*A.* It is (d) the fellowship of the Church in the blessings of the Covenant of grace, and the seals thereof.

Qu. *What is the Church?*

A. It is a Congregation of (e) Saints joined together in the bond of the Covenant, to worship the Lord, and to edify one another, in all his Holy Ordinances.

Q. *What is the bond of the Covenant, in which the Church is joined together?*

A. It is (f) the profession of that Covenant, which God hath made with his faithful people, to be a God unto them and to their seed.

Qu. *What doth the Lord bind his people to in this Covenant?*

A. To (g) give up themselves and their seed first to the Lord to be his people, and then to the Elders and Brethren of the Church, to set forward the worship of God and their mutual edification.

*c* Rom. 7:6 1 Pet. 4:2, 3, 4. Psal. 116:9. & 119:9, 105, 115 Psal. 16:3  
*d* 1 Cor. 1:2. Phil. 1:5. Act. 2:47. Rom. 9:4. 1 Cor. 12:13.

*e* Psal. 89:5. & 50:5, 16. Ezek. 20:37. Act 2:42. 1 Cor. 14:23, 26.

*f* 2 Cor. 8:5. & 9:13. Gen. 17:7

*g* Josh. 24:15, 21, 24, 25. 2 Cor. 8:5 Eph. 5:21 Neh. 9:38 with 10:28, 29 to 34.

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Q. *How do they give up themselves and their seed to the Lord?*

A. By receiving through (h) faith, the Lord, & his Covenant, to themselves, and to their seed, And accordingly walking themselves, and training up their Children in the ways of his Covenant.

Qu. *How do they give up themselves and their seed to the Elders and Brethren of the Church?*

A. By confession of (i) their sins and profession of their faith, and of their subjection to the Gospel

of Christ. And so they and their seed are received into the fellowship of the Church, and the seals thereof.

Qu. *What are the seals of the Covenant now in the days of the Gospel?*

A. Baptism (*k*) and the Lords Supper.

Qu. *What is done for you in Baptism?*

A. In baptism, (*l*) the washing with water is a sign and seal of my washing with the blood and spirit of Christ, and thereby of my ingrafting into Christ: of the pardon and cleansing of my sins: of my rising up

*h* Joh. 1:12 Gen. 17:9, 10. Isa. 56:6, 7. Gen. 18:19.

*i* Mat. 3:6. Act 8:37. 2 Cor. 9:13. Act. 2:38, 39.

*k* Rom. 4:11. with Col. 2:11, 12. 1 Cor. 11:25.

*l* Heb 10:22. & 12:24. Joh. 3:5. Rom. 6:2, 3. Act. 22:16. Lu. 3:3. 1 Pet. 3:20, 21. 1 Cor. 15:29.

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out of Affliction: and also of my resurrection from the dead at the last day.

Quest. *What is done for you in the Lord's Supper?*

Ans. In the Lord's Supper the receiving of the bread broken, and the (*m*) wine poured out, is a sign and seal of my receiving the Communion of the body of Christ broken for me, and of his blood shed for me: And thereby of my growth in Christ, of the pardon and healing of my sins: of the fellowship of his Spirit: of my strengthening and quickening in Grace: and (*n*) of my sitting together with Christ on his throne of glory at the last judgement.

Quest. *What is the resurrection from the dead, which was sealed up to you in Baptism?*

*Ans.* When (o) Christ shall come to his last judgement, all that are in the graves shall arise again, both the just and unjust.

*Quest.* *What is the last judgement, which is sealed up to you in the Lord's Supper?*

*m* 1 Cor. 10:16; Mat. 26:26, 28; 1 Cor. 12:13; Ps. 104:15; Joh. 6:55.

*n* Lu. 22:27, 29, 30.

*o* Ioh. 5:28, 29. Act 24:15

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*A.* At the last (p) day we shall all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, to give an account of our works, and to receive our reward according to them.

*Qu.* *What is the reward that shall then be given?*

*Ans.* The (q) righteous shall go into life eternal, and the wicked shall be cast into everlasting fire with the Devil and his angels.

*p* 2 Cor. 5:10. Mat. 12:36 1 Cor. 4:5. Ecc. 12:14

*q* Mat. 25:34. Mat. 25:46

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