

# Summer Bible Study 2016 – Luther’s Small Catechism

## LESSON 7 - August 7, 2016

### PART 6 – The Keys and Confession

Luther carefully divided the Catechism into the Six Chief Parts of the Catechism for ease of teaching and understanding. Those six Chief Parts are: (Put these to memory)

1. The Ten Commandments
2. The Apostles' Creed
3. The Lord's Prayer
4. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
5. The Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 6. The Keys and Confession**

If a door is locked, what is needed to open the locked door? \_\_\_\_\_

Who alone is the Key to Heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 4:8-12** - <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> He is ”“the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.” <sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

How has Jesus opened the door to heaven for us? \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 5:8-11** - <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### **THE KEYS:**

**FIRST - What Is The Use Of The Keys?** “*The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His church on earth to forgive the sins of penitent sinners, but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.*”

Where in the Bible do we learn this?

**Matthew 16:19** – Jesus said, <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

**John 20:21-23** - Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

What is Repentance? \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 20:20-21** - <sup>20</sup> You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. <sup>21</sup> I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

**I John 1:9** – If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**II Corinthians 2:7** – Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

**John 8:11** – No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.

**Acts 2:36-38** – Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” <sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “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. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

**II Samuel 12:13** – Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

**Matthew 9:2-5** – Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” <sup>3</sup> At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!” <sup>4</sup> Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?”

**Psalms 85:1-8** - You showed favor to your land, O LORD; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. <sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins. *Selah* <sup>3</sup> You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger. <sup>4</sup> Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us. <sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations? <sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? <sup>7</sup> Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. <sup>8</sup> I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints— but let them not return to folly.

4 Points of Repentance:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Judas Iscariot had three of the four points correct, which one did he forget? \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 27:3-5** - When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup> “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

<sup>5</sup> So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

What responsibility and duty did the Chief Priests and Elders have toward Judas that they neglected? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who acts on behalf of the congregation as the PUBLIC servant? \_\_\_\_\_

**I Timothy 3:1-7** – Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. <sup>5</sup> (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s church?) <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. <sup>7</sup> He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil’s trap.

**Acts 20:17; 27-28** - From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. . . . . For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. <sup>28</sup> Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

**I John 2:1-2** – My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**I Peter 5:1-3** - To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ’s sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

**I Timothy 5:20** - Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.

What sins are forgiven? \_\_\_\_\_.

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**John 1:29** – The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**Romans 3:23-24** – There is no difference, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

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If a fellow Christian comes to you and tells you of a sin they have committed what will you say to that person?  
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How many other people will you tell about that sin which your friend or neighbor just confessed to you and which is forgiven by the blood of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_.

Your Sins are Absolutely Forgiven by the Blood of Jesus.

Absolved – The Absolution – Pardoned – Forgiven - Released – Free.