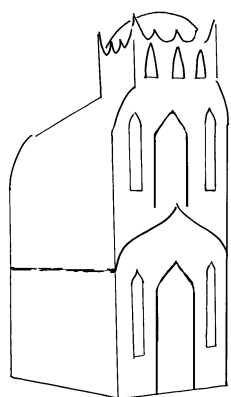


BAPTISM AND HOLY SUPPER LIKE A DOUBLE TEMPLE



Baptism and Holy Supper are the two sacraments of the New Church. Baptism is an introduction into the church and the Holy Supper is an introduction into heaven or a heavenly state (see *True Christian Religion* 721). These sacraments are compared to two gates to eternal life.

They are also compared to a double temple or church, baptism being like the temple below and Holy Supper being like the temple above (see *True Christian Religion* 669). In the lower temple, people learn about the Lord and the way to heaven. In the temple above, the Holy Supper is celebrated and there is a passageway into heaven. (It is interesting to note that the Lord established the Holy Supper while celebrating the Passover in an upper room.)

Procedure

- 1) Make a picture of a cross section of a double temple or church (see illustration).
- 2) Read the attached overview of baptism and Holy Supper (optional).
- 3) Write about baptism in the temple or church below. This serves as an introduction to the church whether it takes place in childhood or adulthood.
 - What are the promises made by parents or the individual being baptized (when there is an adult baptism)?
 - Is there a quotation from the Word that you would like to put here?
 - You might also want to picture someone being baptized or a baptismal font.
- 4) Write about Holy Supper in the temple or church above. This serves as an introduction to heaven or a heavenly state of mind. This sacrament is intended to create a bond or link with the Lord.
 - What are the promises that we may make as we prepare for the Holy Supper service?
 - Is there a quotation from the Word about Holy Supper that you would like to include here?
 - You might also want to picture someone kneeling to take Holy Supper or draw the cup of wine and wafers of bread.
- 5) Above the double temple, you may want to picture the Lord, and perhaps angels, as a visual reminder that the Lord stands at the door and knocks, waiting for us to open the door (see Revelation 3:20).

OVERVIEW OF BAPTISM AND HOLY SUPPER

BAPTISM

What happens?

The parents bring the child forward or an adult comes forward. There are readings from the Word, questions, prayers, water on forehead and chest, blessing, words from the minister.

Symbol

Water, the sign of the cross

Promises Made

Parents: We will teach our child about the Lord, His Word, and living a good life.

Adult: I will follow the Lord, learn from His Word, and try to live a good life

HOLY SUPPER

What happens?

The minister reads about the Last Supper. Then he breaks the bread and pours the wine. The people come forward and kneel down. The minister offers bread and wine to the people, and then blesses them.

Symbols

Unleavened bread and wine

Promises Made

I will follow the Lord, and I will try to receive His love and guidance.