



Food for Thought: Cherishing the Special Teachings of the New Church

The Woman Clothed with the Sun gave birth to a male child. Through the imagery of a baby boy, the Lord is speaking about spiritual ideas given to help people have a new understanding of His Word. These ideas or doctrines form the foundation of the New Church, which is being established by the Lord today in heaven and on earth.

What are some of these special truths?

- The Lord is the God of heaven and earth. There is only one God, and there is a Divine Trinity in Him. The Lord Jesus Christ is that one God (see *Conjugal Love* 532). The New Church “is to worship one visible God in whom is the invisible like the soul in the body” (*True Christian Religion* 787).
- Each and every detail of the Word has a spiritual meaning, which can conjoin people with the Lord and link them with angels (see *Conjugal Love* 532).
- True love in marriage comes only from the Lord, and He gives it to the people who live according to His commandments (see *Conjugal Love* 534).
- The Lord has revealed the nature of heaven and hell so that people can learn about the world in which angels and spirits live (see *Conjugal Love* 532).

How can we cherish these truths? “Cherish” means to value something highly and to keep it in our minds. Do we really appreciate how important these teachings are? Think about how your life is affected by spiritual ideas like these. Improving your understanding of God and His created universe can improve your marriage, your relationship with God, and the goals you have for your life on earth.