FOR REFLECTION How We Come into the Lord's Church

All are initiated into the church by knowing evil and not doing it, because it is against God (The Doctrine of Charity 27).

How can we apply this teaching and so enter into the Lord's church? Here are some questions to help you reflect on this.

- ♦ How can people know what is evil so that they can refrain from doing it?
- Is it possible to recognize what is evil without the truths of the Word as our guide? Do the truths of the Word make it possible to see evil more clearly?
- Since the Lord speaks to us in His Word, what are some effective ways for us to hear His message there?
- What does the passage from the *Doctrine of Charity* teach about the importance of our motives in refraining from doing what is wrong?
- How does this teaching "All are initiated into the church by knowing evil and not doing it, because it is against God" (*Charity* 27) relate to the teaching that the Lord's Church is with all in the whole world who live in good according to their religious system? (*New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine* 246)