The Basics of Lutheran Teaching - Class #7

The Seventh Commandment.

56. Which is the Seventh Commandment?
Thou shalt not steal.

57. What does this mean?
We should fear and love God that we may not take our neighbor's money or goods, nor get them by false ware or dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property. and business.

58. What Is forbidden In this Commandment?
We should not take our neighbor's money or goods, nor get them by false ware or dealing.

59. What particular sins are here forbidden?
Every kind of robbery, theft, usury, and fraud, as well as envy and covetousness within our hearts.

104) Ephesians 4:28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

105) Habakkuk 2:6 …Woe to him who increases *What* is not his—how long? And to him who loads himself with many pledges'?

106) 1 Thess. 4, 6. That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter, because that the Lord is the avenger of all such.

107) Leviticus 19:35-36 You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. [36]You shall have honest scales, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: I *am* the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

108) Leviticus 25:36 Take no usury or interest from him; but fear your God, that your brother may live with you.

109) Jer. 22, 13. Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbor's service without wages and giveth him not for his work.

110) 2 Thess. 3, 10. If any would not work neither should he eat.

111). Ps. 37, 21. The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again.

112) Prov. 29, 24. Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul.

Luke 12:30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.

B. H. Luke 10, 30. Robbery, - Josh, 7. Achan.- 2 Kings 5. Gehazi.

60, What is enjoined in this Commandment?
That we should help our neighbor to improve and protect his property and business,

61. How is this done?
By assisting our neighbor in word and deed that his property and business may be increased and preserved from harm.

Philippians 2:4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.
1 John 3:17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?
2 Corinthians 9:7 *So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
Acts 20:35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "
113) Matt. 5, 42. Give to him that asketh thee and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.
114) Prov.19,17. He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again.
115) Hebr. 13, 16. But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
B. H. Gen. 13, 1-12. Abraham and Lot. --Luke 19, 8 Zacchaeus.

God's Promises
Luke 22:35 And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing."
Hebrews 13:5 *Let your* conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Being Rich is not the problem. Many of God's people were rich—Job, David, Abraham, Joseph of Arimathea. However, there are warnings not to trust in riches.
Luke 12:15-21 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." {*The bigger barns parable*} [21]"So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Gambling
-focus on greed
-receive what you didn't work for
-does not help your neighbor keep what is his
-often preys on the poor.
Ephesians 4:28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.
Philippians 2:4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.
Proverbs 28:20; 22 [20]A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished. [22]A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.
1 Corinthians 10:24 Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's *well-being*.
Romans 13:10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.
Proverbs 22:16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his *riches, And* he who gives to the rich, *will* surely *come* to poverty.

The Eighth Commandment.

62. Which Is the Eighth Commandment?

Thou shalt not bear false witness against his neighbor.

63. What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we may not deceitfully belie, betray, slander, nor defame our neighbor, but defend him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

64. What is forbidden in this Commandment?

Not only every untrue testimony in court, but all words and thoughts against our neighbor which come from a deceitful heart.

116) Zech. 8, 17. Let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor.
1 Cor. 6. (Litigiousness.)

65. What is deceitfully belying our neighbor?

With a deceitful heart telling him a falsehood or withholding from him the truth.

117) Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one *of you* speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. (to our neighbor)

118) Prov. 19,5. A false witness shall not be unpunished and he that speaketh lies shall not escape. (about our neighbor)

B. H. 2 Kings 5, 25. Gehazi. - 1 Kings 21,13. False witnesses against Naboth. - Matt. 26, 59-61. False witnesses against Jesus.

66. What Is betraying our neighbor?

With a deceitful heart revealing his secrets.

119) Proverbs 11:13 A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter. (gossip)

B. H. 1 Sam. 22, 6-19. Doeg. - Matt. 26, 14. Judas.

67. What is slandering our neighbor?

With a deceitful heart speaking evil of him.

120) James 4, 11. Speak not evil one of another, brethren. (slander)

121) Luke 6, 37. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned.

122) Matt. 18, 15. If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone. (individual, private)

B. H. 2 Sam. 15, 1-6. Absalom.

68. What is defaming our neighbor?
With a deceitful heart injuring or destroying his good fame.
123) Psalm 50:16; 19-22, [16]But to the wicked God says: "What *right* have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth…. [19]You give your mouth to evil, And your tongue frames deceit. [20]You sit *and* speak against your brother; You slander your own mother's son. [21]These *things* you have done, and I kept silent; You thought that I was altogether like you; *But* I will rebuke you, And set *them* in order before your eyes. [22]"Now consider this, you who forget God, Lest I tear *you* in pieces, And *there be* none to deliver:

69. What is enjoined in this Commandment?
We should defend our neighbor, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

70. What Is defending our neighbor?
Protecting him against false accusations.
124) Proverbs 31:8-9 Open your mouth for the speechless, In the cause of all *who are* appointed to die. [9]Open your mouth, judge righteously, And plead the cause of the poor and needy.

71. What is speaking well of our neighbor?
Praising his good deeds and qualities as far as It can be done in keeping with the truth.
B. H. 1 Sam. 19,4. Jonathan.

72. What is putting the best construction on everything?
Charitably covering our neighbor's faults and frailties, and explaining in his favor whatever admits of such explanation.
125) 1 Pet. 4, 8. Charity shall cover the multitude of sins.
126) 1 Cor. 13, 7. Charity believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Who is to judge?
Romans 13:4-6, For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil. …[6]for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.
1 Peter 2:13-14 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, [14]or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

269. What do we mean by a Sacrament?

A sacred act ordained by God, wherein He by certain external means, connected with His word, offers, conveys, and seals unto men the grace which Christ has merited.

270. How many Sacraments are there?

Two, Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

First, What Baptism Is.

271. What is Baptism?

Baptism is not simple water only, but it is the water comprehended in God's command and connected with God's word.

272. Which Is that word of God?

Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Matthew: Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matthew 28:19

273. Why is Baptism not simple water only?

Because it is instituted by God and thus comprehended in God's command, and because it is to be performed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and is thus connected with God's word.

274. Who, then, instituted Holy Baptism?

God Himself; for Christ, our Lord, in the last chapter of Matthew, charged His Church to baptize all nations.

478) Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. [19]"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20]"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Luke 3, 2. 3. John 1,33. John's baptism.

275. Who is to administer Baptism?

Ordinarily the called ministers of Christ, but in cases of necessity, every Christian.

479) 1 Cor. 4, 1. Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Matthew 28:16, "Then the eleven disciples {*Apostles*} went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. (Those to whom Matt 28:19-20 is addressed.)

276. What is the meaning of the word "baptize"?

Applying water by washing, pouring," sprinkling, or immersing.

480) Mark 7, 4. And when they (the, Pharisees) come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be which they have- received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brazen. vessels, and of tables.
481) Acts 22, 16. Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins. (Paul baptized in the house)
482) Matt. 3, 11. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. (Comp. Acts 2, 16. 17. Note the word "pour out.")
Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
Acts 2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.
Matthew 3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. (stepped out of the water)

277. What is baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?
It is receiving into communion with the Triune God by Baptism according to Christ's command.

278. Who Is to be baptized?
All nations, that is, all human beings, young and old.
Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit…
Matthew 3:5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him (and Mark 1:5)

279. Are, then, all men to be baptized without distinction?
No; those who can be instructed are to be baptized after they have been previously instructed. in the principal doctrines of the Christian religion; but little children should be baptized when they have been born within the Christian Church, or are brought to Baptism by those who have authority over them.
483) Mark 16, 15. 16. Preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

280. How do you prove that infants also are to be baptized?
1. They, too, are included in "all nations."
2. They are flesh born of the flesh, and are, therefore, in need of regeneration.
3. In little children regeneration can ordinarily be wrought by Baptism only.
4. Little children also can believe.
484) Mark 10, 13-15. And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased and said unto] them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
485) John 3, 5. 6. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh.

486) Matt. I8, 6. Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.
B. H. Acts 16, 15. Lydia and her household.-Acts 16, 33. The keeper of the prison at Philippi and all his.

281. For what purpose have sponsors been Introduced?
They are to testify that the children have been properly baptized, and also to assist in caring for their Christian education, and to pray for them.
487) Matt. 18, 16. In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

Who is not to be baptized?
1)Those adults who do not believe and/or do not lead Christian lives (follow the teaching)
Matthew 3:7-8 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8"Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,
2)Those children whose parents do not profess the Christian faith (will not teach the children)
1 Corinthians 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.
Ephesians 2:12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Secondly, What Baptism Gives or Profits.
282. What does Baptism give or profit?
It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

283. Which are such words and promises of God?
Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Mark: He that believeth and is baptized. shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:16

284. What three great things, then, does Baptism give or work?
1. It works forgiveness of sins;
2. it delivers from death and the devil; and
3. it gives eternal salvation.
488) Gal. 3,26.27. Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
489) Acts 2, 38. Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.
490) I Cor. 15,55-57. O death, where is thy sting O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
491) Col. 1, 12-14. Give thanks, unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath

translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son; in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

492) I Pet. 3, 20. 21. The long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even Baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

285. But has not Christ by His suffering and death redeemed us from all sins. from death, and from the power of the devil, and merited eternal salvation for us?

Certainly; but Holy Baptism is the means whereby the Holy Ghost makes all these great things our own.

493) I Cor. 6, 11. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

286. To whom does Baptism give all this?

To all who believe it, as the words and promises of God declare: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

287. But why does not Christ, our Lord, say: "He that believeth not *and is not baptized* shall be damned"?

Because it is unbelief only that damns; and though saving faith cannot exist with the contempt of Baptism, it can exist with the lack of Baptism.

494) Luke 7, 30 The Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of Him.

Mark 16:16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Thirdly, What the Power of Baptism Is.

288. How can water do such great things?

It is not the water indeed that does them but the word of God which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts such word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is simple water, and no baptism. But with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost, as St. Paul says, Titus, chapter third:

By the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, that, being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying. (Titus 3:5-8)

289. Has water by itself the power to do such great things?

No; it is not mere water indeed that does them.

290. How Is It, then, that by the water of Baptism forgiveness of sins, deliverance from death and the devil, and eternal salvation are obtained?

The word of God which is in and with the water conveys these great things into Baptism; for without the word of God the water is simple water, and no baptism; but faith, which trusts such word of God in the water, takes them out of Baptism and appropriates them unto itself.

Galatians 3:26-27 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. [27]For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Romans 10:17 So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Romans 4:5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,

Grace Alone - Romans 4:16 Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

Titus 3:5-7 … He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, [6]whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7]that having been justified **by His grace** we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Small Catechism – "a gracious water of life"

Scripture Alone - John 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

Luke 16:31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 495)

Eph. 5, 25. 26. Christ loved the Church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water **by the word**.

Faith Alone- Romans 3:22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; …[26]to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Titus 3:5-8 …[8]This is a **faithful saying**, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works….

Faith is NOT

John 1:12-13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: [13]who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, [9]not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Three Views of Baptism

Baptism Work of Man It saves by doing the work (RC)	Baptism Work of God It saves by faith (Lutheran)	Baptism Work of Man Doesn't save (Protestant)

291. Why do the Scriptures call Baptism the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost?

Because the Holy Ghost in Baptism works faith and, therewith, new spiritual life.

Titus 3:5-8 …not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through **the washing of regeneration** and **renewing** of the Holy Spirit, [6]whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7]that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to **the hope of eternal life**. [8]This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Fourthly, What Baptism Signifies.

292. What does such baptizing with water signify?

It signifies that the old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts and, again, a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

293. Where Is this written?

St. Paul says, Romans, chapter sixth: We are buried with Christ by baptism into death, that, like as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4)

294. What is the old Adam?

Our entire sinful depravity, which has come upon us by the fall of Adam and is ours by birth.

Romans 5:12; 15; 19 [12]Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—…

[15]… For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

[19]For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you *He made alive,* who were dead in trespasses and sins, [2]in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, [3]among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts

of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

496) Ephesians 4:22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

296. What is the new man?

The new spiritual being and life created in us by the washing of regeneration.

498) 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Romans 5:15-21 But the free gift *is* not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. [16]…, but the free gift *which came* from many offenses *resulted* in justification. [17]For … much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) [18]… even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. [19]… so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. [20]…even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

295. How Is this old Adam to be drowned In us?

By daily contrition and repentance, whereby we withstand the evil desires and suppress them.

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

497) Galatians 5:24 And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires..

Colossians 3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Eph 4:17-25

1 John 1:8-10

297. How Is this new man to come forth and arise?

As we from day to day walk and grow before God in true faith and good works.

499) Ephesians 4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Romans 6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?
[2]Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
[3]Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? [4]Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

[5]For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of *His* resurrection,
[6]knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him,* that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. [7]For he who has died has been freed from sin….
[11]Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. [12]Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. [13]And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.
[14]For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.
[15]What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! …
[18]And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. …
[20]For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness….
[22]But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Ephesians 4:20-25 But you have not so learned Christ, [21]if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:
[22]that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,
[23]and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, [24]and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.
[25]Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one *of you* speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

298. How does Baptism signify the daily drowning of the old man and coming forth of the new man?

By Baptism we are made partakers of Christ.
Even as He has buried our sins, so we, too, may and should daily bury and shun them; and as He is risen from the dead and lives, even so we, too, may and should daily walk in newness of life.

1 John 1:8-10 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9]If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10]If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Daily Contrition and Repentance

1) Contrition

1 John 1:8-10
Eph 4:22
Mt 6:12
James 5:12

2) Repentance
1 Jn 1:8-10
Eph 4:24
Jn 20:23

-) New Life (Good Works follow repentance)

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. [18]Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

299. What else should especially induce us to live and walk In true holiness?
Our baptismal vow, since in Baptism we have renounced the devil and all his works and all his pomp, and promised to serve the Triune God, and Him only.
Colossians 1:10, …that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
Ephesians 4:1, I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called…
Philippians 1:27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel…