

Introduction

- I. The HC is identifying those who are believers, citizens of the kingdom, children of the living God, and members of the body of Christ. A. 81 and Art. 29 of the BC.
- II. Let us see the importance of this from the negative perspective.

Proper Partakers

I. **Sorrowing for Sin**

- A. True sorrow is brokenness because I have sinned against the God Who is the authority of my life (Psalm 51:4).

- B. Why may not a man or woman who does not have this kind of true sorrow for sin partake of the Lord's Supper?

II. **Knowing Forgiveness**

- A. Believers in Christ, citizens of the kingdom of heaven, and those who truly have fellowship with God know that they are forgiven only for Jesus' sake.

- B. Do we believe that because of Jesus' work our remaining infirmities are covered by His passion and death?

III. **Desiring Growth**

- A. Believers, citizens of the kingdom, and those who have fellowship with God *earnestly desire to have their faith more and more strengthened, and their lives more holy.* (Art. 29 of the BC)

- B. Strong warning if these characteristics don't characterize us.