



## Sermon Notes—PM

*How Can I Prepare for Communion?*

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1 Corinthians 11:27–32

Studies in the Westminster Larger Catechism #102

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Theme:

The Catechism summarizes for us the biblical teaching that *because of the nature of communion, there is a necessity of preparation.*

**With Examination**

**With Meditation**

**With Supplication**

**Conclusion: Expectation**

**Q. 171. How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?**

*A. They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.*

**Q. 172. May one who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation, come to the Lord's supper?**

*A. One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labor to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened.*