**CATECHISM LESSON – THE SACRAMENTS AND MEANS OF GRACE**

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ The Sacraments are just symbolic actions that remind us of God’s love.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and Absolution are called “Means of Grace.”
3. \_\_\_\_\_ A Sacrament must be commanded by Christ and give forgiveness through a visible element.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The word “sacrament” comes from the Latin word that means “mystery.”
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The Office of the Keys is about choosing leaders in the church.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word joined with water in Baptism gives forgiveness, life, and salvation.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper are only reminders of Jesus.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ God often uses ordinary things like water, bread, and wine to do extraordinary things.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Absolution may be counted as a third sacrament.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ We receive the blessings of the Sacraments only when we fully understand them.

**Essay Question:**

Explain in your own words why we treasure the Sacraments, even though they use ordinary things like water, bread, and wine. How do these gifts show God’s love for us?

**BIBLE STUDY – John 20:22–23**

**“The Power of Forgiveness”**

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*“And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’”* (John 20:22–23, ESV)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus gave His disciples the power to forgive sins.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Only God can forgive sins, and He never uses people to do it.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ When pastors forgive sins in Jesus’ name, it is really Jesus forgiving.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The Holy Spirit is the one who works through forgiveness.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Forgiveness is just about feeling better inside.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Absolution is part of how God delivers His grace to us.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus breathed on the disciples to show the giving of the Holy Spirit.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Christians never need to confess their sins to anyone.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ The Office of the Keys is only for the early church.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ God wants us to hear His forgiveness spoken to us out loud.

**Essay Question:**

Why do you think Jesus gave His Church the authority to forgive sins? How does hearing “I forgive you” help your faith?