

Q. 136. Who should partake of the Lord's Supper?

A. All who have received baptism and are walking faithfully within the church.

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This question has been adapted from the original Children's Catechism. As covenant believers, we hold to both paedobaptism and paedocommunion. Biblically, children in the older covenant were brought to the feasts, including Passover and were included in the ceremonies of the covenant. As circumcised members of the covenant they were raised in the covenant, partaking of the sacraments. In the newer covenant, baptism is the entrance into the covenant and is given as a sign and promise to the children of believers. It sets them apart to be raised in, taught of and be part of the visible covenant of Christ. As such they are welcomed at Christ's table, our Passover supper, to see His grace and be taught His Word. Our children are not saved by being given the sacraments but are brought into the visible church and given the benefits of that membership—to hear of and be nurtured in the fear and admonition of the Lord with the goal and hope that they will be given faith in Him and be saved to walk faithfully with the Lord all their lives.