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Unit 1, Lesson 3

1) How is worship fragmented when only one Person of the Trinity is emphasized in theology (pages 41 through 43)?

When we worship we are worshipping the entire Godhead. It is impossible to worship one God and not acknowledge His other parts. God is a triune being and when we worship we worship all parts of Him.

2.) What does “remembrance” (as in “Do this in remembrance of Me”) mean in Judaeo-Christian thought (p. 43)? Hint: It’s more than just “recalling” an event!!

The textbook puts it this way “ The word remembrance (in Greek, anamnesis) has the force of "making present," "making alive," "making real." Remembrance is also directed to God. It says, God, remember your saving deeds--remember how you delivered us from the power of the evil one and conquered death." When taking communion we are remembering Jesus' life and death on the cross.

3) Jewish children are admonished that a wise child considers each celebration of Passover to be his or her own personal salvation story, not an intellectual “remembering” of something that happened to someone else, long ago. How does that understanding apply to our faith as we celebrate the saving death of Christ and partake of Holy Communion (pages 44 and 45)?

We all have different stories and testimonies, in fact, the word says we have overcome not just by the blood of Jesus but by the word of our testimony. Our testimony is important because it

reminds us of the goodness of God. Our testimony reminds us of God because He is the reason we have one.

4) How does worship call us to live in imitation of Christ (page 45)?

When we worship we are transformed. Worship transforms our mind into the mind of Christ. Sin separates from the image of God but as we worship and glorify Christ he removes everything in us that doesn't look like Him and fills us with his spirit.

5) Why did the Blessed Virgin Mary say, "My soul magnifies the Lord" (page 46)? An unusual response for an unwed mother to make—unless she had a good understanding of what God was asking of her! Compare to Hannah's acceptance of her pregnancy in the Book of Judges.

Mary says "My soul magnifies the Lord" because she remembers that God does not forget and He keeps his promises. Mary is praising God because she remembers what He has done for her. Mary's song of gratitude is much like Hannah's acceptance of her pregnancy because like Mary, Hannah asked for a child and the Lord gave her one.