

FOR REFLECTION
How We Come into the Lord's Church

*All are initiated into the church by knowing evil and not doing it,
because it is against God (The Doctrine of Charity 27).*

How can we apply this teaching and so enter into the Lord's church? Here are some questions to help you reflect on this.

- ❖ How can people know what is evil so that they can refrain from doing it?

- ❖ Is it possible to recognize what is evil without the truths of the Word as our guide? Do the truths of the Word make it possible to see evil more clearly?

- ❖ Since the Lord speaks to us in His Word, what are some effective ways for us to hear His message there?

- ❖ What does the passage from the *Doctrine of Charity* teach about the importance of our motives in refraining from doing what is wrong?

- ❖ How does this teaching "All are initiated into the church by knowing evil and not doing it, because it is against God" (*Charity 27*) relate to the teaching that the Lord's Church is with all in the whole world who live in good according to their religious system? (*New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine 246*)