

CATECHISM

Q. 1. *Who made you?*

A. God.

Q. 2. *What else did God make?*

A. God made all things.

Q. 3. *Why did God make you and all things?*

A. For his own glory.

Q. 4. *How can you glorify God?*

A. By loving him and doing what he commands.

Q. 5. *Why ought you to glorify God?*

A. Because he made me and takes care of me.

Q. 6. *Are there more gods than one?*

A. There is only one God.

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Q. 7. *In how many persons does this one God exist?*

A. In three persons.

Q. 8. *What are they?*

A. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Q. 9. *What is God?*

A. God is a Spirit, and has not a body like men.

Q. 10. *Where is God?*

A. God is everywhere.

Q. 11. *Can you see God?*

A. No; I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

Q. 12. *Does God know all things?*

A. Yes; nothing can be hid from God.

Q. 13. *Can God do all things?*

A. Yes; God can do all his holy will.

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Q. 14. *Where do you learn how to love and obey God?*

A. In the Bible alone.

Q. 15. *Who wrote the Bible?*

A. Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.

Q. 16. *Who were our first parents?*

A. Adam and Eve.

Q. 17. *Of what were our first parents made?*

A. God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.

Q. 18. *What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?*

A. He gave them souls that could never die.

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Q. 19. *Have you a soul as well as a body?*

A. Yes; I have a soul that can never die.

Q. 20. *How do you know that you have a soul?*

A. Because the Bible tells me so.

Q. 21. *In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?*

A. He made them holy and happy.

Q. 22. *What is a covenant?*

A. An agreement between two or more persons.

Q. 23. *What covenant did God make with Adam?*

A. The covenant of works.

Q. 24. *What was Adam bound to do by the covenant of works?*

A. To obey God perfectly.

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Q. 25. What did God promise in the covenant of works?

A. To reward Adam with life if he obeyed him.

Q. 26. *What did God threaten in the covenant of works?*

A. To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed.

Q. 27. *Did Adam keep the covenant of works?*

A. No; he sinned against God.

Q. 28. *What is sin?*

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Q. 29. *What is meant by want of conformity?*

A. Not being or doing what God requires.

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Q.30. *What is meant by transgression?*

A. Doing what God forbids.

Q. 31. *What was the sin of our first parents?*

A. Eating the forbidden fruit.

Q. 32. *Who tempted them to this sin?*

A. The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.

Q. 33. *What befell our first parents when they had sinned?*

A. Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.

Q. 34. *Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of works?*

A. No; he represented all his posterity.

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Q. 35. *What effect had the sin of Adam on all mankind?*

A. All mankind are born in a state of sin and misery.

Q. 36. *What is that sinful nature which we inherit from Adam called?*

A. Original sin.

Q. 37. *What does every sin deserve?*

A. The wrath and curse of God.

Q. 38. *Can any one go to heaven with this sinful nature?*

A. No; our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.

Q. 39. *What is a change of heart called?*

A. Regeneration.

Q. 40. *Who can change a sinner's heart?*

A. The Holy Spirit alone.

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Q. 41. *Can any one be saved through the covenant of works?*

A. None can be saved through the covenant of works.

Q. 42. *Why can none be saved through the covenant of works?*

A. Because all have broken it, and are condemned by it.

Q. 43. *With whom did God the Father make the covenant of grace?*

A. With Christ, his eternal Son.

Q. 44. *Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace?*

A. His elect people.

Q. 45. *What did Christ undertake in the covenant of grace?*

A. To keep the whole law for his people, and to suffer the punishment due to their sins.

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Q. 46. *Did our Lord Jesus Christ ever commit the least sin?*

A. No; he was holy, harmless, and undefiled.

Q. 47. *How could the Son of God suffer?*

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man that he might obey and suffer in our nature.

Q. 48. *What is meant by the Atonement?*

A. Christ's satisfying divine justice, by his sufferings and death, in the place of sinners.

Q. 49. *What did God the Father undertake in the covenant of grace?*

A. To justify and sanctify those for whom Christ should die.

Q. 50. *What is justification?*

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A. It is God's forgiving sinners, and treating them as if they had never sinned.

Q. 51. *What is sanctification?*

A. It is God's making sinners holy in heart and conduct.

Q. 52. *For whom did Christ obey and suffer?*

A. For those whom the Father had given him.

Q. 53. *What kind of life did Christ live on earth?*

A. A life of poverty and suffering.

Q. 54. *What kind of death did Christ die?*

A. The painful and shameful death of the cross.

Q. 55. *Who will be saved?*

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A. Only those who repent of sin, believe in Christ, and lead holy lives.

Q. 56. *What is it to repent?*

A. To be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God.

Q. 57. *What is it to believe or have faith in Christ?*

A. To trust in Christ alone for salvation.

Q. 58. *Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?*

A. No; I can do nothing good without the help of God's Holy Spirit.

Q. 59. *How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit?*

A. God has told us that we must pray to him for the Holy Spirit.