

CATECHISM

1 - GOD

1. **Who made you?** God made me. ^{GEN 1:27}
2. **What else did God make?** God made all things. ^{GEN 1:1}
3. **Why did God make you and all things?** God made me and all things for His own glory. ^{ROM 11:36}
4. **How can you glorify God?** I can glorify God by loving him and doing what he commands. ^{ECC 12:13}
5. **Why should you glorify God?** I should glorify God because He made me and takes care of me. ^{REV 4:11}
6. **Is there more than one God?** There is only one God. ^{DEUT 6:4}
7. **In how many persons does this one God exist?** God exists in three persons. ^{JOHN 15:26}
8. **Who are they?** The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. ^{MATT 28:19}
9. **What is God?** God is a Spirit and has not a body like men. ^{JOHN 4:24}
10. **Where is God?** God is everywhere. ^{JER 23:23-24}
11. **Can you see God?** No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me. ^{JOHN 1:18}
12. **Does God know all things?** Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God. ^{PROV 15:3}
13. **Can God do all things?** Yes. God can do all his holy will. ^{JER 32:17}

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2 - SCRIPTURE

14. **Where do you learn how to love and obey God?** We learn to love and obey God from the Bible alone. ^{1 JOHN 2:4-5A}
15. **Who wrote the Bible?** Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit. ^{2 PET 1:21}
16. **How can we know the Word of God?** We are commanded to hear, read, and search the Scriptures. ^{2 TIM. 2:15}

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3 - MAN + SIN

17. **Who were our first parents?** Adam and Eve were our first parents. ^{1 TIM 2:13}
18. **Of what were our first parents made?** God made the body of Adam from the dust of the ground and formed Eve from the body of Adam. ^{GEN 2:7, 21-22}
19. **What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?** He gave them souls that could never die. ^{ECC 12:7}
20. **Do you have a soul as well as a body?** Yes. I have a soul that can never die. ^{MATT 10:28}
21. **What is your soul?** My soul includes all of me that should know and love God. ^{MATT 22:37}
22. **In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?** God made Adam and Eve holy and happy. ^{GEN 1:28}
23. **Did Adam and Eve stay holy and happy?** No. They sinned against God. ^{ROM 5:12}
24. **What was the sin of our first parents?** They sinned against God by eating the forbidden fruit. ^{GEN 2:16-17}
25. **Why did they eat the forbidden fruit?** Because they did not believe what God had said. ^{GEN 3:6}
26. **Who tempted them to this sin?** Satan tempted Eve and she gave the fruit to Adam. ^{GEN 3:1}
27. **What happened to our first parents when they sinned?** Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable. ^{GEN 3:19}
28. **What effect did the sin of Adam have on all people?** All people are born in a state of sin and misery. ^{ROM 5:19A}
29. **What do we inherit from Adam as a result of original sin?** A sinful nature. ^{ECC 9:3B}
30. **What is sin?** Sin is failing to do what God commands. ^{1 JOHN 3:4}
31. **In what ways do we sin?** We sin in thought, word and deed. ^{MATT 15:18-20}
32. **What does every sin deserve?** Every sin deserves the anger and punishment of God. ^{ROM 1:18}
33. **Do we know what God requires of us?** Yes. He has given us His law both in our hearts and in writing. ^{PS 119:11}
34. **Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?** No. Our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven. ^{JOHN 3:3, 5}

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4 - JUDGMENT

35. **What happens to men when they die?** (1) The body returns to the dust while (2) the soul goes to be with either God in heaven or separated from God in a place of suffering while (3) the soul awaits the resurrection of the body on the day of judgment. ^{HEB. 9:27}
36. **Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again?** Yes. There will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked. ^{JOHN 5:28-29}
37. **What will happen to the wicked in the Day of Judgment?** They shall be cast into hell. ^{2 THESS. 1:9}
38. **What is hell?** Hell is a place of dreadful and endless punishment. ^{MATT. 13:40-42}
39. **What will happen to the righteous on the Day of Judgment?** They will live with Christ forever in a new heaven and new earth where there will be no more sin, death, sadness, or pain. ^{MATT. 13:43}

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5 - JESUS CHRIST

40. **What is the gospel?** Holy God in love became, perfect man to bear my blame, and on the cross he took my sin, and by his death I live again. ^{TITUS 3:3-7}
41. **For whom did Christ obey the law and suffer the anger and judgment of God?** Christ obeyed and suffered for those whom the Father had given him. ^{JOHN 10:11}
42. **What kind of life did Christ live on earth?** Christ lived a life of perfect obedience to the law of God. ^{1 PET 2:22}
43. **Did our Lord Jesus Christ ever commit the least sin?** No. He was holy and without sin. ^{1 JOHN 3:5}
44. **How could the Son of God suffer?** Christ, the Son of God, became man so that he might obey and suffer as a man. ^{PHIL 2:5-8}
45. **What kind of death did Christ die?** Christ experienced the painful and shameful death of the cross. ^{PS 22:16-18}
46. **How can you be saved?** If you repent of your sin and believe in Christ, you will be saved. ^{ROM 10:9-10}
47. **What does it mean to repent?** To be sorry for sin and to hate and reject it because it is displeasing to God. ^{2 COR 7:9-10}
48. **What does it mean to believe or have faith in Christ?** A person who believes in Christ trusts in Him alone for salvation. ^{ACTS 16:31}
49. **Did Christ remain in the tomb after his crucifixion?** No. He rose from the tomb the third day after his death. ^{1 COR. 15:3-4}
50. **Where is Christ now?** Christ is in heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father. ^{ROM. 8:34}
51. **Will Christ come again?** Yes. At the last day he will come to judge the world. ^{MATT. 25:31-32}

52. **In the light of these truths, what should you do?** I should strive with all my energy to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and repent of my sin. ^{ACTS 16:30-31}

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6 - HOLY SPIRIT

53. **Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?** No. I cannot repent and believe without God's Holy Spirit. ^{1 COR 2:14}
54. **How can you receive the Holy Spirit?** God has told us that we must pray to Him for the Holy Spirit, but the evidence of His presence is seen most clearly in our trusting and loving the Lord Jesus Christ. ^{EPH 1:13-14}
55. **How does the Holy Spirit baptize believers?** He puts them into the body of Christ by making them a living part of all those who truly believe in Him. ^{1 COR 12:13}
56. **How does the Holy Spirit seal believers?** He comes to live within them to guarantee that they will receive the riches God has promised to those who love Him. ^{2 COR 1:21-22}
57. **How does the Holy Spirit bring us to salvation?** He uses the Bible, which is the Word of God. ^{1 PET. 1:22-23}
58. **How do you know that you are God's child?** The Holy Spirit assures me and enables me to love God and other people. ^{ROM 8:16}

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7 - GOD'S GIFT OF SALVATION

59. **What is a change of heart called?** Regeneration is a change of heart that leads to true repentance and faith. ^{GAL 5:22-23A}
60. **Who can change a sinner's heart?** Only the Holy Spirit can change a sinner's heart. ^{JER 31:31-34}
61. **What is God's righteousness?** God's righteousness means that God always does what is right and is the final standard of what is right. ^{DEUT 32:4}
62. **Can anyone be saved by his own righteousness?** No. No one is good enough before God. ^{ROM 3:23}
63. **What is a covenant?** A covenant is an agreement between two or more people. ^{GEN 17:1-2}
64. **What is the covenant of grace?** The covenant of grace is the agreement God made with his elect people to save them from their sins. ^{JER 31:31-34}
65. **What did Christ undertake in the covenant of grace?** To keep the whole law for His people and to suffer the punishment due for their sins. ^{HEB 9:15}

8 - THE CHURCH

66. **What did God the Father undertake in the covenant of grace?** To justify and sanctify those for whom Christ should die. ROM 8:3-4
67. **What is election?** Election is God's goodness revealed in his grace by choosing certain sinners for salvation. EPH 1:3-4
68. **What is adoption?** Adoption is God's goodness in bringing repentant sinners into his own family and treating them as his beloved children. JOHN 1:12
69. **What is the atonement?** The atonement is Christ satisfying divine justice by his sufferings and death in the place of sinners. 1 PET 3:18
70. **What is justification?** Justification is God forgiving sinners and viewing them as righteous because they are in Christ. 2 COR 5:21
71. **How can we be justified?** We can be justified only by trusting in Christ to take away our sins. ROM 10:10
72. **What is sanctification?** Sanctification is God making sinners holy in heart and conduct so that they will demonstrate his goodness in their lives. EPH 2:10
73. **Is this process of sanctification ever complete in life?** No. It is certain and continual but is complete only in heaven. PHIL. 1:6
74. **What connection is there between justification and sanctification?** Justification and sanctification both arise out of a union with Christ. EPH. 2:8-10
75. **How were godly persons saved before the coming of Christ?** They believed in the Savior to come. HEB 11:13
76. **How did they show their faith?** They offered sacrifices according to God's commands. 1 CHR. 29:20-22
77. **What did the sacrifices represent?** They represented Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die for sinners. JOHN 1:29
78. **What does Christ do for his people?** He does the work of a Prophet, a Priest, and a King. HEB 1:1-3
79. **How is Christ our Prophet?** As our Prophet, He teaches us the will of God and reveals God to us as He is Himself God Incarnate. JOHN 14:24
80. **Why do you need Christ as Prophet?** I need Christ as Prophet because I lack understanding. 1 COR. 2:14-16
81. **How is Christ our Priest?** As our Priest, He died for our sins and played with God for us. HEB. 4:14-16
82. **Why do you need Christ as Priest?** I need Christ as Priest because I am guilty. ECC. 7:20
83. **How is Christ our King?** As our King, He rules over us and defends us. COL 1:13
84. **Why do you need Christ as King?** I need Christ as King because I am weak and helpless. JOHN 15:5

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85. **What is a church?** A church is an assembly of baptized believers joined by a covenant of discipline and witness who meet regularly under the preaching of the Word of God. ACTS 2:42
86. **What two ordinances did Christ give His church?** Christ gave Baptism and the Lord's Supper to His church. MATT. 28:19; 1 COR. 11:24-26
87. **Why did Christ give these ordinances?** He gave these ordinances to show that (1) his disciples belong to him and (2) to remind them of what he has done for them. MATT. 28:19; 1 COR. 11:24-26
88. **What is Baptism?** Baptism is (1) the immersion of believers into water as a sign of their union with Christ in His death and burial and (2) the emersion from the water as a sign of their union with Christ in His resurrection. ROM. 6:3-4
89. **What does baptism represent?** Baptism represents the reality that God has cleansed believers from their sins through Jesus Christ. COL. 2:11-12
90. **Who are to be baptized?** Only those who repent of their sins and believe in Christ for salvation should be baptized. ACTS 8:12
91. **Should babies be baptized?** No. Only those who give a credible profession of faith in Christ should be baptized. ACTS 2:38
92. **Does Christ welcome little children?** Yes. He invites little children to come to him by faith. LUKE 18:15-17
93. **What is the Lord's Supper?** At the Lord's Supper, the church eats bread and drinks wine to remember the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 COR. 11:23-29
94. **What does the bread represent?** The bread represents the body of Christ broken for our sins. MATT. 26:26
95. **What does the wine represent?** The wine represents the blood of Christ, shed for our salvation. MATT. 26:27
96. **Who should partake of the Lord's Supper?** The Lord's Supper is only for those who (1) have turned from their sins and trusted Christ for salvation, (2) have been baptized, and (3) who live in loving, reconciling relationships with one another. 1 COR. 11:27-33

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9 - THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

97. **How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?** God gave 10 Commandments on Mount Sinai. EXO. 31:18
98. **What do the first four commandments teach?** Our duty to God. DEUT. 6:5
99. **What do the last six commandments teach?** Our duty to our fellow men. LEV. 19:18
100. **What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?** To love God with all my heart and my neighbor as myself. Matt. 25:35-40
101. **Who is your neighbor?** Everyone is my neighbor. Phil. 2:4

- 102. Is God pleased with those who live in obey Him?** Yes. He loves those who love and obey him. Prov. 8:17
- 103. Is God pleased with those who do not love and obey him?** No. God is not pleased with those who do not love and obey him. ROM 1:18
- 104. What is the first commandment?** You shall have no other gods before me. EXO. 20:3
- 105. What does the first commandment teach us?** To worship only God. MATT. 4:10
- 106. What is the second commandment?** Do not make idols or worship them. EXO. 20:4-6
- 107. What does the second commandment teach us?** To worship God in the right way and not to worship idols. ACTS 17:29
- 108. What is the third commandment?** Do not use the name of God carelessly. EXO. 20:7
- 109. What does the third commandment teach us?** To honor and respect God's name, Word and works. PS. 29:2
- 110. What is the fourth commandment?** Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. EXO. 20:8-11
- 111. What does the fourth commandment teach us?** To rest in Christ alone for salvation. MATT. 11:28-29
- 112. What day of the week is the Lord's Day?** The first day of the week, called the Lord's Day. REV. 1:10A
- 113. Why is it called the Lord's Day?** Because on that day Christ rose from the dead. LUKE 24:1-6A
- 114. How should the Lord's Day be kept?** In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word, and in doing good to my neighbors. HEB. 10:24-25
- 115. What is the fifth commandment?** Honor your father and mother. EXO. 20:12
- 116. What does the fifth commandment teach us?** To love and obey our parents. EPH. 6:1-3
- 117. What is the sixth commandment?** Do not murder. EXO. 20:13
- 118. What does the sixth commandment teach us?** To avoid hatred, all that leads to it, and all that follows from it. 1 JOHN 3:15
- 119. What is the seventh commandment?** Do not commit adultery. EXO. 20:14
- 120. What does the seventh commandment teach us?** To be sexually pure in thought, word, and deed. 1 THESS. 4:3-5
- 121. What is the eighth commandment?** Do not steal. EXO. 20:15
- 122. What does the eighth commandment teach us?** To be honest and not to take the things of others. EPH. 4:28
- 123. What is the ninth commandment?** Do not lie. EXO. 20:16
- 124. What does the ninth commandment teach us?** To tell the truth and not to speak evil of others. COL. 3:9-10
- 125. What is the tenth commandment?** Do not covet. EXO. 20:17
- 126. What does the tenth commandment teach us?** To be content with what we have. HEB. 13:5
- 127. Can anyone keep the Ten Commandments perfectly?** Nobody since the fall of Adam, except Jesus, can keep or ever kept the Ten Commandments perfectly. 1 JOHN 1:8

- 128. Of what use are the Ten Commandments to us?** They teach us our duty and show us our guilt and need of a Savior. ROM 3:20-22A

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10 - P R A Y E R

- 129. What is prayer?** Prayer is talking with God. PHIL. 4:6-7
- 130. What does prayer teach us?** Prayer teaches us our complete dependence on God. HEB. 4:16
- 131. In whose name should we pray?** We should pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. JOHN 14:13-14
- 132. What has Christ given to teach us how to pray?** The Lord's Prayer. MATT. 6:7-13
- 133. How many requests are there in the Lord's Prayer?** Six. MATT. 6:7-13
- 134. What is the first request?** Hallowed be your name. MATT. 6:9
- 135. What do we pray for in the first request?** That God's name may be honored by us and all people. PS. 145:21
- 136. What is the second request?** Your Kingdom come. MATT. 6:10
- 137. What do we pray for in the second request?** That the gospel may be preached in the entire world and believed and obeyed by us and all people. MARK 1:14B-15
- 138. What is the third request?** Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. MATT. 6:10B, C
- 139. What do we pray for in the third request?** That people on earth may serve God as the angels do in heaven. MATT. 6:10B, C
- 140. What is the fourth request?** Give us this day our daily bread. MATT. 6:11
- 141. What do we pray for in the fourth request?** That God will give us everything we need for our bodies and souls. PHIL. 4:19
- 142. What is the fifth request?** To forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. MATT. 6:12
- 143. What do we pray for in the fifth request?** That God would pardon our sins for Christ's sake and enable us to forgive those who have sinned against us. MATT. 6:14-15
- 144. What is the sixth request?** To lead us not into temptation but to deliver us from evil. MATT. 6:13
- 145. What do we pray for in the sixth request?** That God will keep us from sin. MATT. 26:41

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