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-Zephaniah 3:17, ESV

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Little ones to Him belong;

They are weak, but He is strong.

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“Doxology” by The David Crowder Band

Catechism:

5. Why should you glorify God?

Because He made me and takes care of me. (Romans 11:36;

Revelation 4:11; Daniel 5:23)

6. Are there more gods than one?

No. There is only one God. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Jeremiah 10:10; Mark 12:29; Acts 17:22-31)

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

In three Persons. (Matthew 3:16, 17; John 5:23; 10:30; 14:9,10; 15:26; 16:13-15; 1 John 5:20, 2 John 9; Revelation 1:4, 5)

8. Who are these three Persons?

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 20, 21)

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**Catechism:**

**15. Who wrote the Bible?**

Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.

(1 Peter 1:20,21; Acts 1:16; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 1:10, 11)

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

Adam and Eve.

(Genesis 2:18-25; 3:20; 5:1, 2; Acts 17:26; 1 Timothy 2:13)

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

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

(Genesis 2:7; 21-23; 3:19; Psalm 103:14)

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

He gave them souls that could never die.

(1 Corinthians 15:45; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Zechariah 12:1)

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Catechism:

48. What kind of death did Christ die?

The painful and shameful death of the cross.

(Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; The Gospels—Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John)

49. Who will be saved?

Only those who repent of sin and believe in Christ.

(Mark 1:15; Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:37-41; 16:30; 20:21; 26:20)

50. What is it to repent?

To be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God. (Luke 19:8-10; Romans 6:1, 2; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:9, 10)

51. What is it to believe in Christ?

To trust in Christ alone for salvation. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 5:11, 12)

52. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?

No. I can do nothing good without God’s Holy Spirit. (John 3:5, 6; 6:44; Romans 8:2, 5, 8-11; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14; Galatians 5:17, 18; Ephesians 2:4- 6)

53. How can you receive the Holy Spirit?

We receive the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son when we trust and love Jesus Christ. (John 14:15-31; Romans 8:9-11; Ephesians 1:13, 14; Ephesians 4:30; 2 Timothy 1:9; 2 Corinthians 1:22)

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Catechism:

98. In whose name should we pray?

Only in the name of Christ. (John 14:13-14; 16:23-24; Hebrews 4:14-16)

99. What has Christ given to teach us how to pray?

The Lord’s Prayer. (Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:1-13)

100. Repeat the Lord’s Prayer.

“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”  
(Matthew 6:9-13)

101. How many petitions are there in the Lord’s Prayer?

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102. What is the first petition?

“Hallowed be thy name.”  
(Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2)

103. What do we pray for in the first petition?

That God’s name may be honored by us and all mankind.  
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Bible Reading: Proverbs, Gospel of John, and 1 John

Catechism:

26. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

Christ executes the office of a priest, in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice for the sins of His people to satisfy divine justice, and to reconcile them to God, and making continual intercession for them.

(Romans 5:10; Hebrews 2:17; 7:24-25; 9:14, 28)

27. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executes the office of a king in calling His church out of the world to be a people for Himself, and in ruling and defending it; subduing, saving, preserving and blessing His elect; and in restraining, conquering and taking vengeance on all His and their enemies. (Psalm 110:2-3; Isaiah 32:1-2; 33:22; 63:9; Matthew 16:18; Acts 5:31; 15:14-16; 1 Corinthians 15:25; Ephesians 1:22; 4:11-12; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Revelation 2:10; 22:12)

28. What did Christ’s humiliation consist of?

Christ’s humiliation consisted of His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried and continuing under the power of death temporarily. (Isaiah 53:2-3; Matthew 27:46; Luke 2:7; 22:44; Acts 2:24-27, 31; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Galatians 4:4; Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 12:2-3)

29. What does Christ’s exaltation consist of?

Christ’s exaltation consists in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

(Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11; 17:31; 1 Corinthians 15:4; Ephesians 1:20-21)

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Catechism:

87. What does every sin deserve?

Every sin deserves God’s wrath and curse, both in this life and in the life to come. (Lamentations 3:39; Matthew 25:41; Galatians 3:10; Ephesians 5:6)

88. What way of escape has God revealed to sinners that they may be saved from His wrath and curse due to them for their sin?

God has revealed to sinners the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, as the only way of salvation from their sins.

(Acts 4:12; Romans 1:16)

89. What does God, in His gospel, require of sinners that they may be saved?

God, in His gospel, requires of sinners faith in Jesus Christ and repentance unto life that they may escape His wrath due for their sin, and be saved.

(Acts 20:21)

90. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby sinners receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to them in the gospel.

(John 1:12; Romans 10:14, 17; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Philippians 3:9)

91. What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

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22. What then must a Christian believe?

Everything God promises us in the gospel. That gospel is summarized for us in the articles of our Christian faith—a creed beyond doubt and confessed throughout the world. (Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:30, 31)

23. What is The Apostle’s Creed?

I believe in God the Father, almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried. He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe in a holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

24. How are these articles divided?

Into three parts: 1) God the Father and our creation, 2) God the Son and our deliverance, 3) God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.

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Catechism:

75. Who should come to the Lord’s table?

Those baptized believers who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves (1 Corinthians 10:19-22; 11:26-32).

76. Are those who show by what they say and do that they are unbelieving and ungodly to be admitted to the Lord’s supper?

No, that would dishonor God’s covenant and bring down God’s anger upon the entire congregation. Therefore, according to the instruction of Christ and His apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the kingdom, until they repent of their sins. (1 Corinthians 11:17-31; Psalm 50:14-16; Isaiah 1:11-17)

77. What are the keys of the kingdom?

The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both preaching and discipline open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers (Matthew 16:19; John 20:22, 23).

78. How does preaching the gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

According to the command of Christ: The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to each and every believer that, as often as he accepts the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of what Christ has done, truly forgives all his sins. The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the anger of God and eternal condemnation rest on them. God’s judgment both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this gospel testimony. (Matthew 16:19; John 3:31-36; 20:21-23)

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Those baptized believers who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves (1 Corinthians 10:19-22; 11:26-32).

76. Are those who show by what they say and do that they are unbelieving and ungodly to be admitted to the Lord’s supper?

No, that would dishonor God’s covenant and bring down God’s anger upon the entire congregation. Therefore, according to the instruction of Christ and His apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the kingdom, until they repent of their sins. (1 Corinthians 11:17-31; Psalm 50:14-16; Isaiah 1:11-17)

77. What are the keys of the kingdom?

The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both preaching and discipline open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers (Matthew 16:19; John 20:22, 23).

78. How does preaching the gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

According to the command of Christ: The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to each and every believer that, as often as he accepts the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of what Christ has done, truly forgives all his sins. The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the anger of God and eternal condemnation rest on them. God’s judgment both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this gospel testimony. (Matthew 16:19; John 3:31-36; 20:21-23)