

7/30/23 Catechism Handout

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Ages 2-3

Memory Verse: “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).

Hymns: “Jesus loves me” (verse 1)

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!  
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“Doxology” by The David Crowder Band

Catechism:

9. Who is God?

God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.  
(John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 3:17; 1 Timothy 1:17)

10. Where is God?

God is everywhere.  
(Psalm 139:7-12; Jeremiah 23:23, 24; Acts 17:27, 28)

11. Can you see God?

No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me.  
(Exodus 33:20; John 1:18; 1 Timothy 6:16; Psalm 139, especially verses 1-5; Proverbs 5:21; Hebrews 4:12,13)

12. Does God know all things?

Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.  
(1 Chronicles 28:9; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Luke 12:6, 7; Romans 2:16)

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Hymns: “Jesus loves me”

“Holy, Holy, Holy” by Sovereign Grace Music

Catechism:

19. Do you have a soul as well as a body?

Yes. I have a soul that can never die.

(Matthew 10:28; Mark 8:34-38; 12:30)

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

Because the Bible tells me so.

(Matthew 10:28; Mark 8:34-38; 12:30)

21. In what condition did God create Adam and Eve?

He made them holy and happy.

(Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8:4-8)

22. Did Adam and Eve stay holy and happy?

No. They sinned against God.

(Genesis 3:1-7; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Hosea 6:7 where “men” = Adam)

23. What is sin?

Sin is being, desiring, or doing anything against God’s perfect moral law.

(1 John 3:4; Romans 3:20; James 2:9-11)

24. Are you a sinner?

Yes. I am a sinner. Everyone is a sinner except Jesus.

(Romans 3:9-20; Romans 3:23)

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Names of the Twelve Apostles

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74. What is the second commandment?

The second commandment is, “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.” (Exodus 20:4-6; Deuteronomy 5:8-10)

75. What does the second commandment teach us?

To worship God in the right way and to avoid idolatry. (Isaiah 44:9-20; 46:5-9; John 4:23, 24; Acts 17:29)

76. What is the third commandment?

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Other: **OLD TESTAMENT, NEW TESTAMENT**

Hymns (Find on church app, website, or church YouTube channel):

Catechism:

129. Will Christ come again?

Yes. At the last day He will come again to judge the world. (Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2 Timothy 4:1)

130. What happens to men when they die?

The body returns to dust and the soul goes into comfort or torment. (Genesis 3:19; Ecclesiastes 12:7; 2 Corinthians 5:1-6)

131. Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again?

Yes. “There will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.” (Daniel 12:2; John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:14, 15)

132. What will happen to the wicked in the day of judgment?

They shall be cast into hell. (Psalm 9:16, 17; Luke 12:5; Revelation 20:12-15)

133. What is hell?

A place of dreadful and endless punishment. (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-31)

134. What will happen to the righteous in the day of judgment?

They will live with Christ forever in a new heaven and new earth. (Isaiah 66:22; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; 2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21:1-4)

135. What is heaven?

A glorious and a happy place, where the righteous shall be forever with the Lord. (John 14:2, 3; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 21:1-4)

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Hymns: (Find on church app, website, or church YouTube channel):

Bible Reading: Proverbs, Gospel of John, and 1 John

Catechism:

55. What are the reasons given for the second commandment?

God’s sovereignty over us, His ownership of us, and the zeal He has for His own worship. (Exodus 34:13-14; Psalm 95:2-3, 6; 100:2-3; 106:19, 21, 23)

56. What is the third commandment?

The third commandment is, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.” (Exodus 20:17)

57. What is required in the third commandment?

The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God’s names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works. (Psalm 29:2; 105:1-5; 138:1-2; Ecclesiastes 5:1; Malachi 1:11, 14; Matthew 6:9; Revelation 15:3-4)

58. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

The third commandment forbids all blaspheming, profaning, and careless use of God’s names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

(Malachi 1:6-7, 12; 2:2; 3:14; Matthew 22:37-38)

59. What is the reason attached to the third commandment?

The reason attached to the third commandment is that, though breakers of this commandment may escape man’s punishment, they will not escape the righteous judgment of the Lord their God.

(Deuteronomy 28:58-59; 1 Samuel 2:12, 17, 22, 29; 3:13; Malachi 2:2)

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Catechism:

112. What do Christians pray for in the fourth petition?

In the fourth petition (“Give us this day our daily bread”) Christians pray that of God’s free gift they may receive a needed portion of the good things of this life and enjoy His blessing with them. (Psalm 90:17; Proverbs 30:8-9; Matthew 6:11; 1 Timothy 4:4-5)

113. What do Christians pray for in the fifth petition?

In the fifth petition (“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”) Christians pray that God, for Christ’s sake, would freely pardon all their sins; which they are more readily encouraged to ask, because by His grace they are enabled from the heart to forgive others. (Psalm 51:1-2, 7, 9; Daniel 19:17-19; Matthew 6:12; 18:35; Luke 11:4)

114. What do Christians pray for in the sixth petition?

In the sixth petition (“And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil”) Christians pray that God would either keep them from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver them when they are tempted. (Psalm 19:13; 51:10, 12; Matthew 6:13; 26:41)

115. What does the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer teach His disciples?

The conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer (“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”) teaches His disciples to take their encouragement in prayer from God only, and in their prayers to praise Him; recognizing His kingdom, power, and glory; and to say “Amen” in testimony of their desire and assurance to be heard. (1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Daniel 9:4, 7-9; 16-19; Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 14:16; Revelation 4:11; 22:20)

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48. How does Christ’s ascension into heaven benefit us?

First, He pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of His Father. Second, we have our own humanity in heaven—a guarantee that Christ our Head will take us, His members, to Himself in heaven. Third, He sends His Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit’s power, we make the goal of our lives heavenly things not earthly things, but the things above, where Christ is sitting at God’s right hand. (Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1; John 14:2; 17:24; Ephesians 2:4-6; John 14:16; 2 Corinthians 1:21, 22; 5:5; Colossians 3:1-4)

49. What is the significance of Christ sitting at God’s right hand?

Christ ascended to heaven, there to show that He is the Head of His church, and that His Father rules all things through Him. (Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 1:18; Matthew 28:18; John 5:22-23)

50. How does this glory of Christ, our head, benefit us?

First, through His Holy Spirit He pours out His gifts from heaven on us, His members. Second, by His power, He defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.

(Acts 2:33; Ephesians 4:7-12; Psalm 110:1-2; John 10:27-30; Revelation 19:11-16)

51. How does Christ’s return “to judge the living and the dead” comfort you?

In all my distress and persecution, I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so removed the whole curse from me. All His enemies and mine He will condemn to everlasting punishment, but me and all His chosen ones He will take along with Him into the joy and glory of heaven.

(Luke 21:28; Romans 8:22-25; Philippians 3:20-21; Titus 2:13-14; Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10)

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**106. What is God’s will for us in the ninth commandment?**

God’s will is that I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one’s words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone without a hearing or without a just cause. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of any kind. These are devices the devil himself uses, and they would call down on me God’s intense anger. I should love the truth, speak it honestly, and openly submit to it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor’s good name. (Psalm 15; Proverbs 19:5; Matthew 7:1; Luke 6:37; Romans 1:28-32; Leviticus 19:11-12; Proverbs 12:22; 13:5; John 8:44; Revelation 21:8; 1 Corinthians 13:6; Ephesians 4:25; 1 Peter 3:8-9; 4:8)

**107. What is God’s will for us in the tenth commandment?**

That not even the slightest thought or desire contrary to any of God’s commandments should ever arise in my heart. Rather, with all my heart I should always hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right. (Psalm 19:7-14; 139:23-24; Romans 7:7-8)

**108. But can Christians, those saved by God, obey these commandments perfectly?**

No. In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God’s commandments. (Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 7:14-15; 1 Corinthians 13:9; 1 John 1:8-10; Psalm 1:1-2; Romans 7:22-25; Philippians 3:12-16)

**109. No one in this life can obey the ten commandments perfectly: why then does God want them preached so pointedly?**

First, so that the longer we live, the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God’s image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection. (Psalm 32:5; Romans 3:19-26; 7:7, 24-25; 1 John 1:9; 1 Corinthians 9:24; Philippians 3:12-14; 1 John 3:1-3)

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**107. What is God’s will for us in the tenth commandment?**

That not even the slightest thought or desire contrary to any of God’s commandments should ever arise in my heart. Rather, with all my heart I should always hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right. (Psalm 19:7-14; 139:23-24; Romans 7:7-8)

**108. But can Christians, those saved by God, obey these commandments perfectly?**

No. In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God’s commandments. (Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 7:14-15; 1 Corinthians 13:9; 1 John 1:8-10; Psalm 1:1-2; Romans 7:22-25; Philippians 3:12-16)

**109. No one in this life can obey the ten commandments perfectly: why then does God want them preached so pointedly?**

First, so that the longer we live, the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God’s image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection. (Psalm 32:5; Romans 3:19-26; 7:7, 24-25; 1 John 1:9; 1 Corinthians 9:24; Philippians 3:12-14; 1 John 3:1-3)