

LORD'S DAY 4

Q9. BUT DOESN'T GOD DO US AN INJUSTICE BY REQUIRING IN HIS LAW WHAT WE ARE UNABLE TO DO?

- A. *No. God created man with the ability to keep the law.
Man, however, instigated by the devil,
in willful disobedience,
robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.*

Gen. 1:31; Eph. 4:24
Gen. 3:13, John 8:44
Gen. 3:6
Rom. 5: 12, 18, 19

Q10. DOES GOD PERMIT SUCH DISOBEDIENCE AND REBELLION TO GO UNPUNISHED?

- A. *Certainly not.
God is terribly displeased
with the sin we are born with
as well as the sins we personally commit.
As a just judge,
God will punish them both now and in eternity,
having declared:
"Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey
all the things written in the book of the law."*

Eph. 4:24
Rom. 5:12
Gal. 3:10

Q8. BUT ISN'T GOD ALSO MERCIFUL?

- A. *God is indeed merciful,
but He is likewise just.
His justice demands
that sin, committed against the supreme majesty of God,
be punished with extreme, that is,
with everlasting eternal punishment of both body and soul.*

Ex. 34:6-7
Ex. 20:5; Ps. 5:5-6; II Cor. 6:14-16; Rev. 14:11

I suggest getting a notebook to record your answers, thoughts, and questions that come to mind as you read the catechism and scripture. **With every lesson write down some things you want to see change in your thought life, attitudes, or actions.** When we meet it will help to have something written that you can refer back to as we discuss the lessons and pray for each other.

LORD'S DAY 4: January 22 – 28, 2017

SUNDAY : read questions and answers with all scripture references

MONDAY: read Romans 1: 18-32

Are you a sinner because you sin or do you sin because you are a sinner?

Which phrase was true of Adam and Eve?

TUESDAY: Why is sin such a horrible thing?

WEDNESDAY: Most humans have a strong desire for justice. Why do you think this is true?

THURSDAY: What is wrong with the statement "My God, is a God of love. He will not punish sinners." Think about it not just from a doctrinal stance (it isn't who God has revealed himself to be in the Bible) but from an intuitive, logical stance as well.

FRIDAY: read Nahum 1: 2-8; Revelation 6: 15-17; Revelation 20: 11-15; John 3: 16-19; Romans 2: 4-5
Justice, Injustice, Mercy, Grace: How are all of these interrelated?
Start by looking up definitions of each.

SATURDAY: read the corresponding essay in *THE GOOD NEWS WE ALMOST FORGOT*
Write down any thoughts and/or questions that come to mind after reading the essay.