

LORD'S DAY 7

Q 20. ARE ALL PEOPLE SAVED THROUGH CHRIST JUST AS THEY ALL WERE LOST THROUGH ADAM?

- A. *No.
Only those are saved
who by true faith
are grafted into Christ
and receive all His benefits.*

John. 1:12-13; I Cor. 15:22; Ps. 2:12; Rom. 11:20; Heb. 4:2-3; 10:39.

Q21. WHAT IS TRUE FAITH?

- A. *True faith is
not only a sure knowledge
whereby I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word;
but also a hearty trust,
which the Holy Spirit works in me by the Gospel,
that not only to others, but too me also,
forgiveness of sins,
eternal righteousness,
and salvation
are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.*

Jas. 1:6. Rom. 4:16-18; 5:1. II Cor. 4:13; Phil. 1:19, 29. Rom. 1:16; 10:17. Heb. 11:1-2; Rom. 1:17.

Eph. 2:7-9; Rom. 3:24-25; Ga. 2:16; *Acts 10:43.

Q22. WHAT THEN MUST A CHRISTIAN BELIEVE?

- A. *All that is promised 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.*

Matt. 28:18-20; John 20:30-31

Q19. WHAT ARE THESE ARTICLES?

- A. *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,
and born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and was buried;
he descended into hell;
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 shall come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
I believe a holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.*

I suggest using a notebook to record your answers, thoughts, and questions that come to mind as you read the catechism and scripture. 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.

As we enter the second part of the catechism our attention turns from our sin to our deliverance. Write down two or three attributes of the Lord Jesus Christ from each week's lesson.

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SUNDAY: read questions and answers with all scripture references

MONDAY: read John 14:6 with Acts 4:12 and Isaiah 5:1-4 with John 15:4-6
look up the words “grafted” and “receive” in a dictionary

TUESDAY: look up “knowledge” and “trust”
What is it that we must have knowledge of in order to have true faith?

WEDNESDAY: Why do you have a hearty trust in the Gospel of Christ?
If you don't how might you become more trusting?

THURSDAY: God gives His grace (unmerited favor) to us freely. Why?

FRIDAY: Do some research on the Apostles Creed. When was it written, by whom, when was it accepted by the church as a summary of Christian belief?

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.