

Theme: Using a catechism is a tried and true method of receiving and passing on the faith once for all delivered to God's people. In this series, we move the the BRCC catechism question by question to uncover the great truths of the Christian faith.

1. Our Purpose: To Glorify and Enjoy God (Q1)

- A. Theme: Why did God create humans? To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.
- B. Text: 1 Corinthians 10:31; Psalm 16:11
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Jude 1:24-25
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism; God; humanity; joy

2. Our Instruction Manual: The Bible (Q2)

- A. Theme: Where do we learn how to glorify God and enjoy Him forever? In His Word, the Bible.
- B. Text: 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Acts 20:32
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism; Word of God; law and gospel; Christian life

3. The Central Message of the Bible (Q3)

- A. Theme: What is the central message of the Bible? The central message of the Bible is that God is bringing glory to Himself through the Person and work of Jesus Christ as He creates and redeems a people in whom He lives by His Spirit so that they will glorify and enjoy Him forever.
- B. Text: John 17
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism, Word of God; Jesus; law and Gospel; hermeneutics; Trinity

4. Guilt, Grace, and Gratitude: A Biblically Shaped Life (Q4)

- A. Theme: What must I know to be part of God's people? To be part of God's people I must know how great my sin is, how God has delivered me from my sin and misery through Christ, and how I can show my gratitude to God for delivering me and grow in my Christian life.
- B. Text: Ephesians 2:1-10
- C. Response: Water Baptism
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism; law and gospel; salvation and deliverance; gratitude; Christian life

5. Who Is God? (Q5)

- A. Theme: Who is God? God is the Infinite, Eternal, Sovereign Creator of everything.
- B. Text: Revelation 4:6-11
- C. Response: God Is Great
- D. Benediction: 1 Timothy 1:17
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism; God; God's Works; worship

6. The Trinity - One God in Three Persons (Q6)

- A. Theme: Is there more than One True God? No, there is only one true God. He eternally exists as the Trinity, one God in Three Persons - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father, Son, and Spirit are distinct Persons, but are one in being, power, and glory.
- B. Text: Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; 2 Corinthians 13:14
- C. Response: Holy, Holy, Holy
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism; Trinity; God; Jesus; Holy Spirit

7. What Is God's Character Like? (Q7)

- A. Theme: What is God's character like? God is perfect in holiness, love, and integrity.
- B. Text: Isaiah 6:1-8
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Jude 1:24-25
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism; God's character; holiness; love; integrity, honesty, faithfulness, and truth

8. What Does God Demand of You? (Q8)

- A. Theme: What does God demand of you? God demands that I be perfect in holiness, love, and integrity.
- B. Text: Matthew 5:48
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism; holiness; love; integrity, honesty, faithfulness, and truth; law and gospel

9. How Do We Know What God Demands of Us? (Q9)

- A. Theme: What has God given to teach you his demand? God has given us His law, which is a reflection of His character, to teach us how to be perfect in holiness, love, and integrity.
- B. Text: Romans 2:14-15; Ezekiel 20:11; James 2:12
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism; God's Law; law and gospel; holiness; love; integrity, honesty, faithfulness, and truth

10. The Summary of God's Law (Q10)

- A. Theme: Can you summarize what God's law commands you to do? All the law is summarized in these two commandments: You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart, and with all of your soul, and with all of your mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
- B. Text: Matthew 22:34-40
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism; God's Law; law and gospel; love

11. Can I Keep God's Law? (Q11)

- A. Theme: Can you live up to all of this perfectly? No. I have a natural tendency in thought, word, and deed to not love God and my neighbor as He has commanded.
- B. Text: Romans 3:10-24
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism; God's Law; law and gospel; sin; regeneration; salvation and deliverance

12. The Church - The Community of Believers (Q69)

- A. Theme: The Church is the community of those who have personally responded to the Gospel, gather for worship, and care for one another.
- B. Text: Acts 2:36-47
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Revelation 1:4-6
- E. Teaching keywords: Catechism; God's Law; law and gospel; sin; regeneration; salvation and deliverance

13. The Church - The Body of Christ (Q70)

- A. Theme: The Church is the Body of Christ, in which believers are united with one another and with Jesus Christ, their Head and source of life.
- B. Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21
- E. Teaching keywords: Church; catechism; union with Christ; community; fellowship; Holy Spirit

14. The Church - The Bride of Christ (Q70)

- A. Theme: The Church is the Bride of Christ, Whom He loves and for Whom He gives Himself that she might be glorious, full of the beauty of holiness.
- B. Text: Ephesians 5:22-33
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
- E. Teaching keywords: Church; catechism; Jesus; covenant; eschatology

15. The Church - The Temple of God (Q70)

- A. Theme: The Church is God's Temple, where He dwells by His Spirit as His people gather to worship and live in holiness and unity.
- B. Text: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Romans 15:5-6
- E. Teaching keywords: Church; catechism; tabernacle and temple; Holy Spirit; holiness; unity; worship; typology

16. The Church - The Communion of Saints (Q70)

- A. Theme: The Church is the communion of the saints, all of those in every age who have been united to Christ in faith and draw their life from Him, and who are therefore spiritually united with one another now and in eternity.
- B. Text: John 10:16; Hebrews 12:22-24
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Revelation 22:21
- E. Teaching keywords: Church; catechism; union with Christ; Israel; eschatology

17. The Church - Universal and Local (Q71)

- A. Theme: All Christians are called to be part of local churches where they are led and cared for by elders, worship God, learn the Scripture, receive the sacraments, pray together, serve one another, and carry out the Great Commission together.
- B. Text: 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; Acts 14:23
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Romans 15:5-6, 33
- E. Teaching keywords: Church; catechism; community; fellowship; leadership

18. The Church - Elders (Q71)

- A. Theme: Each local church must have a group of elders who shepherd the flock by God's Word, are servant leaders for those under their care, set a godly example in character and conduct, and point people to Jesus, the Chief Shepherd.
- B. Text: 1 Peter 5:1-7
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21
- E. Teaching keywords: Church; catechism; leadership

19. The Church - The Community of Worship (Q71)

- A. Theme: Worship is the assembly of the local church where God speaks to us through His Word, meets and strengthens us in the sacraments, and we respond as a community in spoken and sung prayers.
- B. Text: Acts 2:42; Colossians 3:16
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction:
- E. Teaching keywords: Church; catechism; worship; means of grace

20. The Church - The Community of Servanthood (Q71)

- A. Theme: The local church community is where we are taught humble servanthood as a virtue, where we practice acts of servanthood, and where our souls are shaped so that our whole life becomes characterized by the attitude and practices of servanthood.
- B. Text: Galatians 5:13-15
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- E. Teaching keywords: Church; catechism; service; humility and pride

21. The Church - God's People On Mission Together (Q71)

- A. Theme: The Church has been given the Spirit to empower us to be on mission together, taking the Gospel forth and displaying the love of God to others from our location to the ends of the earth.
- B. Text: Luke 4:16-19; Luke 24:45-49
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Corinthians 15:58
- E. Teaching keywords: Church; catechism; evangelism and missions; great commission; mercy ministry

22. My Only Comfort (Q98)

A. My Only Comfort (Part 1)

1. Theme: Knowing all of these things, what is your only comfort in life and death? That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, from this day forth, to live unto him.
2. Text: Romans 14:7-9; Romans 8:31-39
3. Response: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
4. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
5. Teaching keywords: Catechism; peace and comfort; Lordship; Satan and demons; justification; death; salvation and deliverance

B. My Only Comfort (Part 2)

1. Theme: Knowing all of these things, what is your only comfort in life and death? That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, from this day forth, to live unto him.
2. Text: Matthew 10:28-31; Romans 8:28-30
3. Response: Yet Not I But Christ In Me
4. Benediction: St. Patrick's Breastplate
5. Teaching keywords: Catechism; peace and comfort; Sovereignty of God; salvation and deliverance; election; perseverance

C. My Only Comfort (Part 3)

1. Theme: Knowing all of these things, what is your only comfort in life and death? That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, from this day forth, to live unto him.
2. Text: Romans 8:12-17
3. Response: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
4. Benediction: 1 Corinthians 15:58
5. Teaching keywords: Catechism; peace and comfort; Holy Spirit; sanctification; heaven, hell, and eternity

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