



**Catechism:
Foundations of the Faith**

A top-down view of a wooden desk with a teal typewriter, a green notebook, an open cream notebook, a pinecone, glasses, and a color slide box.

Why the God-Man?

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Hebrews 4:14–16

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. ²⁶ Such a high priest meets our need — one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

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Hebrews 7:23–28

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Our Great Need: A Redeemer & Mediator

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We Need A Mediator Because of Sin

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The Requirements To Be Our Redeemer and Mediator

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The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming — not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. ² If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. ³ But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, ⁴ because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. (Hebrews 10:1–4)

A top-down view of a wooden desk with a teal typewriter, a green notebook, a yellow notebook, a pinecone, glasses, and a pen. The typewriter is teal with a black keyboard and a wooden carriage. The green notebook is closed and positioned on the left. The yellow notebook is open and positioned on the right. A pinecone is on the left side of the desk. A pair of black glasses is in the bottom left corner. A pen is in the bottom right corner. The text "Applying the Word" is centered in a white banner.

Applying the Word

The Table of the
Redeemer-Mediator



I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.