

Calvary Mennonite Fellowship

Children's Catechism

1. Who is God?

(God is our heavenly Father, the Creator of all things.)

2. What is God like?

(God always was and always will be. He knows everything and has all power.)

3. Where is God?

(God is everywhere.)

4. Can you see God?

(No, God is a Spirit and He does not have a body as we do.)

5. What does God do?

(God gives us the things we need. He plans or allows everything that happens to us.)

6. Are there more gods than one?

(No, there is only one true God.)

7. In how many Persons does God exist?

(Three. The three Persons of God are God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.)

8. Who is Jesus?

(He is God's own Son, Who came to earth as a baby and grew to be a man.)

9. What did Jesus do?

(Jesus showed us how God wants us to live. He died on the cross for our sins.)

10. How did Jesus show us how God wants us to live?

(He loved God and kept God's law perfectly. He served others.)

11. Did Jesus ever sin?

(No, He is perfectly holy and undefiled.)

12. Who is the Holy Spirit?

(The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit, Who came to be with us after Jesus went to heaven.)

13. What is the work of the Holy Spirit?

(He teaches us about Jesus and helps us to know what is right.)

14. How did God create all things?

(God made the universe and everything in it by His spoken Word.)

15. How long did it take God to make all things?

(God made everything in six days.)

16. How did God create people?

(God made the first man, Adam, from the dust of the ground. God made the first woman, Eve, out of a rib taken from Adam.)

17. Why did God create people?

(He created people to glorify Him and to enjoy fellowship with Him now and forever.)

18. How do we glorify God?

(We glorify God by loving Him and doing what He commands.)

19. What were Adam and Eve like when God made them?

(They were holy and happy and loved to be with God.)

20. What promise did God make to Adam and Eve?

(He promised that if they obeyed Him, they would live forever. If they disobeyed Him, they would die.)

21. Did Adam and Eve obey God?

(No, they disobeyed God. They ate the fruit that He had told them not to eat.)

22. What happened when Adam and Eve disobeyed God?

(They became sinful and unhappy, and they were afraid to be with God.)

23. Were Adam and Eve the only people who became sinful and unhappy?

(No; all people are born that way, with a sinful nature.)

24. What does it mean to have a sinful nature?

(It means that we are sinful in every part of us and our natural choice will be to sin.)

25. What is sin?

(Sin is any thought, word, or action that breaks God's law.)

26. What important law did God write on stone tablets in the Old Testament?

(God wrote the Ten Commandments, or the Decalogue, on tablets of stone.)

27. What is the first commandment?

(You shall have no other gods before Me.)

28. What does the first commandment teach us?

(We should worship God alone.)

29. What is the second commandment?

(You shall not make any idols for yourselves, or worship any created thing.)

30. What does the second commandment teach us?

(God is worthy of all our worship.)

31. What is the third commandment?

(You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.)

32. What does the third commandment teach us?

(We should not swear by the name of God, but reverence His name.)

33. What is the fourth commandment?

(Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. God has given you six days to do your work, but the seventh is to be a holy day to worship God.)

34. What day of the week do we celebrate as the Lord's Day?

(Sunday, the first day of the week, is called the Lord's Day.)

35. Why do we call Sunday the Lord's Day?

(Because it is the day that the Lord Jesus rose from the dead.)

36. How do we keep the Lord's Day holy?

(By prayer and praising God, hearing and reading God's Word, and spending time with God's people.)

37. What is the fifth commandment?

(Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that God gives you.)

38. What does the fifth commandment teach us?

(We should love, honor and respect our parents.)

39. What is the sixth commandment?

(You shall not murder.)

40. What does the sixth commandment teach us?

(Killing another person is wrong.)

41. What is the seventh commandment?

(You shall not commit adultery.)

42. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

(The special love between a husband and wife is not to be shared with any other man or woman.)

43. What is the eighth commandment?

(You shall not steal.)

44. What does the eighth commandment teach us?

(We must not take things that do not belong to us.)

45. What is the ninth commandment?

(You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.)

46. What does the ninth commandment teach us?

(We must always tell the truth.)

47. What is the tenth commandment?

(You shall not covet anything that belongs to someone else.)

48. What does the tenth commandment teach us?

(We should not long for things that belong to other people, but be content with what we have.)

49. How did Jesus summarize the Decalogue in the New Testament?

(“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”)

50. What does every sin deserve?

(Every sin deserves the anger and punishment of God.)

51. What is God's punishment for sin?

(Every person who sins must die.)

52. How can we be saved from God's anger and punishment for sin?

(We can be saved by God's grace through His Son, Jesus.)

53. How did Jesus save us?

(He kept God's law perfectly, yet He paid for all of our sins by dying on the cross.)

54. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross to save us?

(Sin must always be paid or atoned for. Even our own death could not pay for our sins. Only a sinless person could pay for the sins of other people.)

55. What is meant by the atonement of Jesus?

(Through Jesus' death, we can be forgiven, justified, and sanctified.)

56. What does it mean to be forgiven?

(God erases our sins from our record and does not remember them anymore.)

57. What does it mean to be justified?

(When God looks at the record of a forgiven person, He sees only the righteousness of Jesus.)

58. What does it mean to be sanctified?

(God begins the work of making us holy in our hearts and in our conduct.)

59. What must you do to be saved?

(I must repent of my sins and believe in Jesus.)

60. How do you repent of your sins?

(By being sorry for my sin and hating it enough to forsake it.)

61. What does it mean to believe in Jesus?

(I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He is the only One Who can save me from my sins. I believe that He has the right to be the Lord of my life.)

62. What does it mean to live a new life?

(To serve God instead of putting myself first.)

63. Can you repent, believe, or live a new life by your own power or ability?

(No, I cannot do anything good unless the Holy Spirit gives me the power.)

64. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit?

(God gives His Spirit to those who ask Him.)

65. How were people saved before Jesus came?

(They were saved by believing God.)

66. How did they show their faith?

(By offering sacrifices on God's altar.)

67. What did these sacrifices represent?

(Christ's sacrifice on the cross for sin.)

68. What is prayer?

(Prayer is adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication directed to God.)

69. What is adoration?

(Adoration is seeing God's goodness, truth, and beauty, and worshiping Him.)

70. What is confession?

(Confession is telling God in my own words how I have sinned.)

71. What is thanksgiving?

(Thanksgiving is thanking God for the things He has given us.)

72. What is supplication?

(Supplication is humbly asking God for the things He has promised us.)

73. In whose name should you pray?

(We pray in Jesus' Name.)

74. How did Jesus teach us to pray?

(He taught us the Lord's Prayer, which is, "Our Father, Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.....")

75. Where do we learn about God?

(We learn about God in the Bible.)

76. What is the Bible?

(The Bible is the Word of God.)

77. Who wrote the Bible?

(It was written by godly men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.)

78. How did we get the Bible?

(God preserved His Word by having people copy and keep it so that everyone would be able to hear it.)

79. After Jesus died on the cross and was buried, did He stay in the grave?

(No, Jesus rose from the dead on the third day.)

80. Where is Jesus now?

(He went up to heaven and sits at God's right hand.)

81. Will Jesus come back again?

(Yes, He will come back to judge the world on the last day.)

82. What happens to us when we die?

(Our body dies and is buried. Our spirit returns to God.)

83. What will happen to people on the last day?

(God will raise all the bodies of dead people to life again. Those who are still alive will see Jesus returning.)

84. What will happen to the people who believe in Jesus?

(God will give them a home with Him in the new heaven and the new earth.)

85. What will the new heaven and the new earth be like?

(It will be a happy and wonderful place. We will be with Jesus forever, and there will be no sin or sadness or death.)

86. What will happen to the people who don't believe in Jesus?

(God will cast them into the lake of fire with Satan and his angels.)

87. What will the lake of fire be like?

(It will be a horrible place, far away from God, where sinners will suffer forever.)