

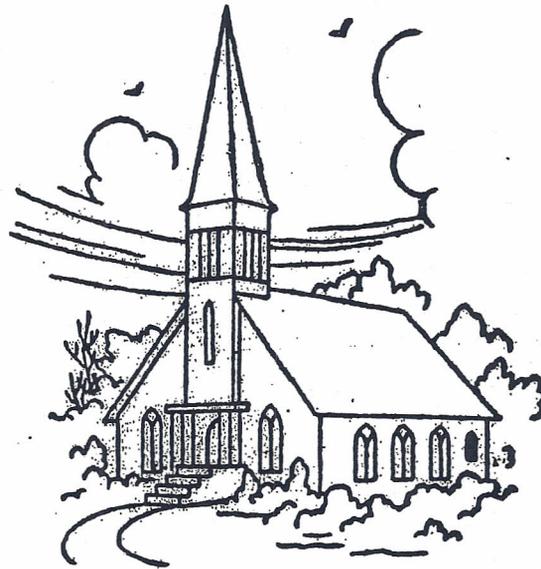
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A SERIES OF CATECHISMS

Section 1—OF GOD

Question: Who made you?

Answer: God.

Q Who is God?

A A spirit, one that always was and always will be.

Q Where is God?

A Everywhere

Q What can God do?

A Whatever He wills.

Q Does God know all things?

A He knows all we can think, say or do.

Q Who made the sky, earth, sea, and all that has life?

A God.

Q How do we know God?

A Through His works and word.

Q What are His works?

A The whole creation.

Q What is His Word?

A The Holy Bible.

Q Who wrote the Bible?

A Holy men of God.

Sec. 2—OF THE CREATION OF MAN

Q Of what did God make man?

A Of the dust of the earth.

Q Why did God make man?

A That he might be happy.

Q How may men be happy?

A By loving and obeying God.

Q In whose image and likeness was man made?

A In the image of God.

Q How was man made in the image of God?

A In knowledge, holiness and immortality.

Q Did the soul of man come from the dust?

A No; God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living Soul.

Q Where did God place the first man and woman?

A In the garden of Eden.

Sec. 3—OF THE FALL OF MAN

Q In what relation do we stand to the first man and woman?

A They are our first parents.

Q Did they remain in that place?

A No; they were turned out because they sinned against God.

Q What was the sin they committed?

A Disobedience.

Q What was disobedience?

A Eating the forbidden fruit.

Q Where was the forbidden fruit?

A Upon the tree of knowledge, which stood in the midst of the garden.

Q Who forbade them to eat it?

A God.

Q Who told them to eat it?

A The devil, who appeared to the woman in the form of a serpent.

Q Did this sin affect any besides themselves?

A Yes, all mankind.

Q How does this affect us?

A We are subject to pain, misery and death.

Q What kind of sin do we call this?

A Original sin.

Q Is there any other kind of sin?

A Actual sin.

Q What is actual sin?

A The sin we daily commit in thought, word and deed.

Q What is the result of sin?

A Death: temporal, spiritual and eternal.

Q What is death temporal?

A The separation of soul from body.

Q What is death spiritual?

A Separation of soul from God.

Q What is death eternal?

A Separation of both soul and body from God.

Sec. 4—REDEMPTION OF MAN

Q By what way can man be saved from sin?

A Through Jesus Christ.

Q What did Christ do to save man?

A He took our nature upon Him, suffered death, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven.

Q Will he save all mankind?

A All who repent and believe in him.

Q What is it to repent?

A To be sorry for sin, to confess and forsake it, ask pardon.

Q What is it to believe in Christ?

A To receive his words, trust in the merits of his death for

salvation.

Q Can man do this of himself?

A **No; but by the aid of the spirit of God he can.**

Q What will become of those who will not seek pardon for their sins?

A **They will be cast into hell.**

Sec. 5—HEAVEN AND HELL

Q What sort of a place is hell?

A **It is a dark, bottomless pit, made for the devil and his angels.**

Q Do any others dwell in hell?

A **They who forget God are turned in it and their souls are tormented forever.**

Q What do the wicked do there?

A **They weep, roar and gnash their teeth.**

Q How long will these sufferings last?

A **Throughout eternity.**

Q What sort of a place is heaven?

A **It is a most glorious place, where there is fullness of joy and pleasure forever and ever.**

Q Who dwells there?

A **God, the angels and the redeemed ones.**

Q How will the good appear there?

A **They will look like Christ.**

Q How will they be employed there?

A **In singing, praising and adoring the Lamb forever.**

Q What kind of person must we be to get there?

A **Holy in heart and life.**

Q What is it to be holy in heart?

A **To be free from anger, pride and the love of the world, and other sins: and to love God with all the heart, mind, soul and strength.**

Q What is it to be holy in life?

A **It is to do our duty to God and man according to His holy word.**

Q How are we to perform this?

A **By a constant and careful use of the means of grace.**

Q What are the chief means of grace?

A **Private and public prayer, searching the Scriptures, hearing God's word preached, the Lord's Supper and fastings.**

SCRIPTURE NAMES

Q Who was Adam?

A **The first man God made, and the father of us all.**

Q Who was Eve?

A **The first woman and the mother of us all.**

Q Whereof was Eve made?

A **Of a rib from Adam's side.**

Q What are the names of Adam's children?

A **Cain and Abel.**

Q Of what occupation was Cain?

A **A tiller of the ground.**

Q Of what occupation was Abel?

A **A keeper of sheep.**

Q What wicked act did Cain commit?

A **He killed his brother, Abel.**

Q How many sons had Jacob?

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- A Twelve: They were called the Twelve Patriarchs and fathers of Israel.**
- Q Who was the meekest man?
- A Moses, the discoverer and lawgiver of the Israelites.**
- Q Who was the first high priest of Israel?
- A Aaron, the brother of Moses.**
- Q Who was Joshua?
- A The successor of Moses, who led the children of Israel into Canaan.**
- Q Who were the prophets?
- A Persons whom God taught to foretell things to come.**
- Q Who was David?
- A A man after God's own heart, and one of the kings of Israel.**
- Q Who was Absalom?
- A David's wicked son, who rebelled against his father, and was killed as he hung upon a tree by his hair.**
- Q Who was Solomon?
- A A son of David, the wisest man and the builder of the Great Temple.**
- Q Who was Samson?
- A The strongest man.**
- Q Who was Elijah?
- A The prophet who was carried to heaven in a chariot of fire.**
- Q Who was Daniel?
- A The prophet that was cast into the lion's den because he prayed to God, and was preserved unhurt.**
- Q Who were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?

- A The three Jews who were put into the burning furnace because they worshipped the true God.**
- Q Who was thrown overboard and swallowed by a whale for disobedience?
- A Jonah.**
- Q Who was Jesus Christ?
- A The Son of God and the Redeemer of the world.**
- Q What was his mother called?
- A The Virgin Mary.**
- Q What was the name of his supposed father?
- A Joseph, the carpenter, who married Mary.**
- Q About what time was the Savior born?
- A About 4,000 years after the world was made.**
- Q Where was the Savior born?
- A In Bethlehem of Judea.**
- Q In what condition was the Savior born?
- A In an humble condition.**
- Q What was his condition?
- A He was born of a poor woman, in a stable and laid in a manger.**
- Q How many sons had Isaac?
- A Two: Esau and Jacob.**
- Q Who was Joseph?
- A Jacob's beloved son who was sold into Egypt by his brethren.**
- Q What high position was conferred upon Joseph?
- A He was made governor of Egypt.**
- Q What man lived the longest in the world?

- A Methuselah.**
- Q How long did he live?
- A Nine hundred and sixty-nine years.**
- Q Did the old world remain?
- A No; it was destroyed by water.**
- Q Were there any people saved at that time?
- A Noah and his family.**
- Q How were they saved?
- A In an ark that God told Noah to build.**
- Q How long was Noah building the ark?
- A One hundred and twenty years.**
- Q What were the names of Noah's sons?
- A Shem, Ham and Japheth.**
- Q Who was Abraham?
- A The pattern of believers, and was called the friend of God.**
- Q What was the greatest test of his faith?
- A The offering up of his son, Isaac.**
- Q Who was Isaac?
- A Abraham's son that was given up to Sarah in her old age.**
- Q Who was the forerunner of Christ?
- A John the Baptist.**
- Q How did he die?
- A He was beheaded by Herod.**
- Q Who was Herod the Great?
- A The wicked king who slew the young children of Bethlehem, hoping to kill Christ.**
- Q Who were the Jews?
- A The family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God's chosen people.**

Q Who were the Gentiles?

A **All nations except the Jews.**

Q What were the Emperors of Rome called?

A **Caesars.**

Q Who were the disciples of Christ?

A **Those who learned of him as their Master.**

Q How many apostles had Christ?

A **Twelve.**

Q Which of them did he love best?

A **John.**

Q Which of them beheld his transfiguration?

A **Peter, James and John.**

Q Which of them denied him?

A **Peter.**

Q Which of them betrayed him?

A **Judas.**

Q For how much did he sell him?

A **Thirty pieces of silver.**

Q How did he betray the Savior?

A **With a kiss.**

Q What became of Judas afterwards?

A **He hanged himself.**

Q Who condemned the Savior to be crucified?

A **Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor.**

Q Where was Jesus buried?

A **In the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea who was rich.**

Q Who was the first Christian martyr?

A **Stephen, who was stoned to death.**

Q What name was given to those who believed in Christ?

A Christians.

Q Who were the four Evangelists?

A Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, who wrote the life of Christ.

Q Who were struck dead for telling a lie?

A Ananias and Sapphira, his wife.

Q Who was Paul?

A The persecutor of Christians, who afterwards became an apostle.

Q Who was Dorcas?

A A good woman who made clothes for the poor, and was raised from the dead.

Q Who was Elymas?

A A wicked man who was struck blind for speaking against the gospel.

Q Who was Eutychus?

A A youth who slept at a sermon, and falling down was taken up dead.

Q What was the name of the apostle who knew the Scripture from a child?

A Timothy.

Q Who was it that trembled at Paul's preaching?

A Felix, the Roman Governor.

Q Who was it that was almost persuaded to be a Christian?

A Agrippa, the king.

THE TEN DOCTRINES OF GRACE

1. All men are sinners.
2. God the Father loves all men, but hates sin.
3. Jesus Christ died to save all men who believe on him.
4. The Holy Spirit is given to enlighten and incline all who repent of their sins to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. All who repent of their sins and have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are forgiven of their sins (which is justification).
6. All whose sins are forgiven are new creatures in Jesus Christ or in other words regenerated.
7. All who are regenerated are adopted into the family of God.
8. All who are children of God are blessed with the witness of the Holy Spirit to that fact.
9. All who may desire and seek it may love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and their neighbor as themselves, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
10. All who endure to the end will be saved.

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

NINE POINTS ON CHURCH ECONOMY

1. The members of the Holy Catholic Church are those who profess to believe in Christ and acknowledge him to be the Savior of mankind.
2. The Holy Catholic Church has many outstanding branches.
3. One branch of the Holy Catholic Church is the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church which was organized in 1796.
4. There are two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.
5. Four classes of members and candidates for membership; Sunday School children, persons baptized in infancy, probationers and full members.
6. Ten classes of officers: Bishops, Presiding Elders, Elders, Deacons, Local Preachers, Exhorters, Class Leaders, Stewards, Sunday School Superintendents and Trustees.
7. Five original organizations: The General, Annual, District, and Quarterly Conferences, and the Leaders' and Steward's

meetings.

8. Four benevolent societies, Missionary, Sunday School Union, Church Extension and Education.
9. The promise made by the parents at the baptism of their children is as follows: The child to be baptized shall read the Holy Scriptures and learn the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Catechism, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health.

I renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that I will not follow or be led by them.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried, the third day He arose from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

General Confession

Then shall this general confession be made by the minister in the name of those who are minded to receive the Holy Com-

munion, both he and all the people devoutly kneeling and saying:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings, the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; have mercy upon us, most Merciful Father; for thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
 2. Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
 3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
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4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates, for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day. wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

5. Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.