

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (10-30-22): BALTIMORE CATECHISM NO. 2
PART 1, LESSON 5—CREATION AND THE FALL OF MAN

- I. Prayers
 - A. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Santi. Amen.”
 - B. “Prayer to the Holy Spirit” (inside front cover of BC Edition No. 2)
 - C. Church Suffering and Virtue:
 - 1. Souls in Purgatory
 - 2. Courage
- II. True or False/Fill in the Blanks (page 38)
- III. Creation and the Fall of Man
 - A. Man—a rational creature (human person)
 - 1. Composed of body and soul
 - 2. Made in the image and likeness of God
 - 3. Likeness to God:
 - a. Primarily in the soul (spiritual/immortal/having understanding and free will)
 - b. Reflected in the Body = Three Divine Persons (Father/Son/Holy Spirit) reflected in married couples and the fruit of their love (Husband/Wife/Child)
 - B. Adam and Eve: First Parents of the Whole Human Race
 - 1. Other intelligent beings besides angels/men are possible
 - 2. Commands (Genesis 1 and 2):
 - a. “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth” (“till”)
 - b. “Subdue [the earth] and have dominion” (“keep”)
 - c. “Of the tree of the knowledge of you shall not eat”
 - 3. Gifts given to Adam and Eve:
 - a. Greatest gift = Sanctifying grace
 - b. Happiness in the Garden of Eden
 - c. Great knowledge poured into their minds by God
 - d. Control of the passions by reason
 - e. Freedom from suffering and death
 - 4. The Fall—Eating the Forbidden Fruit (Disobedience):
 - a. Loss of sanctifying grace
 - b. Loss of their right to Heaven
 - c. Subjection to death and suffering
 - d. Strong inclination to evil
 - e. Banishment from the garden
 - f. Loss of access to Heaven

5. Consequence of Adam's sin for his descendants:
 - a. Children of Adam are conceived and born without sanctifying grace and marked with original sin
 - b. Each person is born under the power of Satan, will suffer and die, and will struggle due to ignorance and a strong inclination to sin
- C. The New Creation in the Order of Grace: The Last Adam and the New Eve
 1. The Immaculate Conception:
 - a. Mary preserved from conception from original sin
 - b. God's promise in Genesis 3:15 ("Protoevangelium")
 - c. Satan's dominion over Man and Man's need for redemption and grace
 - d. "Fullness of time" – "Full of grace" (Incarnation/Birth/Life/Proclamation/Passion/Death/Resurrection/Ascension/Assumption)
 2. End Time (Last age of human history from Pentecost until the Second Coming):
 - a. Church Militant (on Earth)
 - b. Church Suffering (in Purgatory)
 - c. Church Triumphant (in Heaven)
 3. Four Last Things—Death/Judgment/Heaven/Hell
- IV. Table Talk—Discussion Questions (page 38)
- V. Mission/Prayer and Blessing