

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (1-8-23): BALTIMORE CATECHISM NO. 2
PART 1, LESSON 8(1) – THE REDEMPTION

- I. Prayers
 - A. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Santi. Amen.”
 - B. “Prayer to the Holy Spirit” (Inside Front Cover)
 - C. Saint and Virtue:
 - 1. Saint John, Evangelist and Apostle
 - 2. Prudence
- II. True and False Review Questions (page 57)
- III. The Redemption—Christ’s Sacrifice on Calvary ransoms us, making satisfaction for our sins to free us from sin and death and open the way for us to become children of God the Father and heirs of Heaven:
 - A. Adam/Eve and the Children of the Anti-father (Satan):
 - 1. Give in to the temptation to oppose the Father’s will
 - 2. Disobey God’s commandment(s)
 - 3. Are defeated through sin by Satan
 - 4. Suffer and die, losing their stable relationship to God and the inheritance He desires for us
 - B. Last Adam/New Eve and the Children of God the Father:
 - 1. Resist the temptation to oppose the Father’s will
 - 2. Obey the Father’s commandments
 - 3. Achieve the victory over sin and Satan
 - 4. Transform suffering and death by sacrificial love to re-establish in the order of grace humanity’s relationship to God and the inheritance He desires for us
 - C. Sacrifice of His Son pleased the Father more than our sins displeased Him:
 - 1. By this Sacrifice, the Son in His humanity is lifted up to Heaven by the power of His Father in union with the power of His divine personhood and nature
 - 2. We may share in the Son’s Sacrifice so as to rise through, with, and in Christ who unites His suffering and death to ours:
 - a. Through Baptism
 - b. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
 - 3. Mary has been assumed (both body and soul), whereas the souls of the faithful departed (not in need of Purgatory at their Particular Judgment) rise, anticipating re-union with their bodies at the General Judgment

4. Christ suffered and died on Good Friday on Golgotha, outside the city of Jerusalem:
 - a. Gethsemane—agony of soul and body (bloody sweat)
 - b. Scourging
 - c. Crowning with thorns
 - d. Crucifixion and death on the Cross
- D. Suffering and Death:
 1. Reveal:
 - a. God's love for Man
 - b. The great evil of sin and the justice of God
 - c. The need of satisfaction to expiate guilt
 2. Christ's Sacrifice becomes our Life of Sacrifice:
 - a. Christ bore our sins in His Body to free us from them
 - b. He inserts us into His Mystical Body (Baptism) to make us one with Him
 - c. He feeds us with His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity to make our actions and sufferings pleasing offerings to the Father
- IV. Discussion Questions:
 - A. Adam and Eve were made in the image and likeness of God: What happened to this "image and likeness" after falling through Original Sin? What happened to this "image and likeness" in regard to all the children of Adam and Eve pro-created throughout the generations?
 - B. Does Baptism make us exactly like Adam and Eve were before they sinned? If not, what are the differences?
- V. Mission/Prayer and Blessing