

**PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (9-10-23): BALTIMORE CATECHISM
PART 3—INTRODUCTION**

PRAYERS

- I. “Sign of the Cross” (English)
- II. “Apostles Creed” (p. 5)
- III. Saint and Virtue:
 - A. Saint Joseph Cupertino
 - B. Studiousness

TRUE/FALSE

- 1. The serpent in the Garden of Eden is the same creature as the red dragon in the Book of Revelation.
- 2. The serpent in the Garden of Eden is in fact an angel.
- 3. Adam and Eve received curses as punishment after they sinned, but the same punishment does not apply to their children.
- 4. Adam and Eve were created sinful, which is why they sinned.
- 5. Our feelings are part of our nature, and since all our feelings are natural, we should always try to do whatever we feel.
- 6. Freedom is the right I have to do whatever I want.
- 7. Jesus has authority in Heaven, but He does not have authority on Earth.
- 8. Catholics have always understood that the moral authority of the Church only applies to Catholics.
- 9. Whatever evil happens is permitted by God.
- 10. Actual freedom is possible without knowing the truth.

SACRAMENTS—INTRODUCTION

- IV. Genesis: Creation
 - A. Motivated by LOVE, One God in Three Persons created everything from nothing freely as GOOD:
 - 1. Angels
 - 2. Man (Adam and Eve)
 - a. Nature—Body (“dust” or “dirt”)/Soul (“breath of life”)
 - b. Male and Female: Fruitful Complementarity
 - c. In the Image and Likeness of God
 - 3. Responsibilities of Freedom:

- a. “Dominion”: “Till” and “Keep” (6 Days)
 - b. “Be fruitful and multiply” (Marriage/Family)
 - c. Keep holy the Sabbath (7th Day)—worship and offer oneself and creation in thanksgiving to God (Sacrifice)
 - B. The Fall: Sin and Death
 - 1. Angels: Satan (Serpent/Dragon) and demons—lying and murder
 - 2. Men: Loss of grace (“likeness”) and distortion of “image”
 - a. Ignoring the Tree of Life (Grace/Blessings)
 - b. Embracing the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (making creation god and oneself as a god)
- V. Redemption: The Cross as the Tree of Life in the New Creation
 - A. Mary: “Full of Grace” — “All generations will call me blessed”
 - B. Jesus: Savior—Source of grace and blessings—The Word Made Flesh
 - C. Final Battle in the End Times:
 - 1. The Body of Christ = Those members of the Church on Earth in a state of grace—Truth/Freedom/Life/Love
 - 2. The Body of the Dragon = Those on Earth outside the life of grace: Lies/Slavery/Death/Hatred
- VI. The Battle—Revelation 12: Mother/Child versus the Red Dragon
 - A. “Seven heads”—Organizations promoting the Anti-gospel
 - 1. Errors and Lies Concerning the Order of Creation (Laws of Nature and Natural Law)
 - 2. Opposition to and Denial of the Source of Grace and the Order of Grace—Denial of the Trinity; the Incarnate Son, and His Passion, Death, and Resurrection; the Church; Sacraments
 - B. “Ten horns”—Powers that enforce the Anti-gospel:
 - 1. Oppose the power of God with demonic/human powers
 - 2. Enforce new commandments in place of the Ten Commandments
 - 3. Anti-Sacramental Age—Deny the invisible reality of God and grace:
 - a. Materialism, not religion and sacramentalism
 - b. Evolution, not a created hierarchical order and destiny, nor conversion and development according to a plan by God

- c. Pantheism, not transcendence (not God or Heaven or Eternity) for god is merely the sum of everything, and each person is a god discovered through awakening to one's own "truth" (moral relativism)
- d. Scientism (desires and dreams virtualized by the power of the will), not science (true realities that can be discerned and discovered by the gift of the intellect)

DISCUSSION QUESTION

In our culture, what replaces the Sacraments of Christian Initiation: what replaces Baptism, the Sacrifice of the Mass, and Confirmation?

QUESTIONS FOR FATHER JACK

MISSION AND BLESSING