

**PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (9-24-23): BALTIMORE CATECHISM NO. 2  
PART 1, LESSON 9—THE HOLY SPIRIT AND GRACE (REVIEW)**

**PRAYERS**

- I. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.”
- II. “Prayer to the Holy Spirit” (Page ii)
- III. Saint and Virtue:
  - A. Mother of Teresa of Calcutta
  - B. Hope

**TRUE/FALSE**

- 1. A human is a person, but an angel is not.
- 2. When Adam and Eve were created, they were like God because He made them with the gift of grace.
- 3. Adam and Eve were the first created persons to fall into sin.
- 4. Since the Fall of Adam and Eve, every human that dies turns into an angel.
- 5. The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.
- 6. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit comprise the three parts of God.
- 7. Since we cannot see the Holy Spirit, He is symbolized by images such as fire, a cloud, and a dove.
- 8. The Father existed first; the Son came into existence second; and the Holy Spirit came into existence third.
- 9. Grace always operates the same in every person on earth.
- 10. It is impossible for a person outside the state of grace to be affected by grace.

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- IV. Grace from God and Evil from Satan:
  - A. Adam: “The Lord God formed Man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life” (Genesis 2:7)
    - 1. Holy Spirit = “the breath of life” present as grace
    - 2. Gifts of Grace = Truth, Life, Painlessness, Control of Passions, Great Knowledge
  - B. Fall of Adam under Satan
    - 1. Loss of the Holy Spirit and grace

- 2. Satan's "gifts": Lies, Death, Suffering, Slavery to Passions, Ignorance and Error
- C. Redemption through Christ in the Power of the Holy Spirit:
  - 1. Restoration of Life in the Holy Spirit with His seven gifts and the restoration of virtue
  - 2. Essential Gifts of Grace—Actual/Sanctifying
- V. Holy Spirit—God (Equal to the Father and the Son)—the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity:
  - A. Proceeds from the Father and the Son as Their mutual Love
  - B. Holy Spirit's Role in Salvation:
    - 1. Dwells in the Church as her source of life
    - 2. Sanctifies souls through the gift of grace
- VI. Church = Mystical Body of Christ
  - A. Christ is the Head/Christians are the members of His Body
  - B. Holy Spirit is the Soul of the Church — “OBLife”
  - C. The Holy Spirit as the Fire of God's Love:
    - 1. Moses: Burning Bush and Pillar of Fire
    - 2. With Christ: Burning hearts (Emmaus) and Pentecost
  - D. The Fire of the Holy Spirit:
    - 1. “Clothing” and interior light for those raised in glory to Heaven
    - 2. Punishment, darkness, and pain for the damned in Hell
- VII. Grace: For our salvation (redemption and sanctification)
  - A. A supernatural gift of the Father
  - B. Bestowed on us through the merits of Jesus Christ
  - C. Sustained and active in us by the power of the Holy Spirit
- VIII. Sanctifying Grace:
  - A. Confers on us new life = Sharing in the life of God:
    - 1. Father = The origin of life
    - 2. Son = “The Way, The Truth, and The Life”
    - 3. Spirit = “The Lord, the Giver of Life”
  - B. Effects:
    - 1. Makes us holy and pleasing to God
    - 2. Makes us adopted children of the Heavenly Father as members of His Son's Body
    - 3. Makes us temples of the Holy Spirit
    - 4. Gives us the right to Heaven (living in a “state of grace”)
- VI. Actual Grace—a supernatural help of God:
  - A. To enlighten our mind

- B. To strengthen our will to do good and to avoid evil
  - C. Necessity of Actual Grace for those who have attained the age of reason:
    - 1. To resist the power of temptation
    - 2. To perform other actions which merit a reward in Heaven
- IX. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom” (2 Corinthians 3:17):
- A. The Holy Spirit and Grace are gifts from the Father through the Son which we can either accept or reject
  - B. The Holy Spirit and Grace are necessary for supernatural life in Heaven but—when ultimately lost through mortal sin—this loss results in spiritual death and the pains of Hell
- X. Principal Ways of Obtaining Grace:
- A. Prayer
  - B. Sacraments
  - C. Merit and Grace: Works of Mercy/Daily Activities as Offerings to God through the Sacrifice of His Son in the Power of the Holy Spirit

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Why is actual grace important for unbaptized souls or souls who have committed mortal sin? What signs would indicate to an observant Catholic that actual grace is operative in a soul outside the Catholic Church?

## **QUESTIONS FOR FATHER JACK**

## **MISSION/PRAYER**