

# What is Luther's Small Catechism of 1529?

+ A book of Questions and Answers that briefly answers the question "What does the Bible say?"  
 + Written by Dr. Martin Luther because he found that most people did not know the basics of faith.

+ Written for fathers and Pastors to teach their families and flocks.

## 10 Commandments

Love God/Love Others

- > Shows how God's people are to live.
- > Reveals that we do not live as we should.
- > Leads us to despair of earning our own salvation.

Leaves us in need of a Savior outside of ourselves

"TRIAD"  
Remember Daily

## The Creed

Reveals to us our Savior, God.

- > Reveals to us that **God is Triune:**
- God creates**
- Jesus redeems.**
- Holy Spirit Sanctifies:**
- "plants Faith through **MEANS: WORD and SACRAMENTS.**"



## The Lord's Prayer

> Teaches us about life with God.

- > Tells us what is important in this world and the next.
- > Teaches us how to talk to our Father.

## Holy Baptism

Whose work is it, God's or man's?

- > Teaches us how God first saves us.
  - > Reveals that our old man has been killed.
  - > Reveals to us our new status as children of God.
- "Remember Your **Baptism Daily**"

## Forgiveness

- > Reminds us what to do with our sins that continue after Baptism.
- > Reminds that Pastors are given the Absolution so that we can live with a clear conscience.

## Lord's Supper

Whose work is it, God's or man's?

Jesus says, "**This is my Body... this is my Blood**"

Reveals to us why weekly gathering to receive this gift is critical

- > Reminds us that Christ comes to us in His body and blood.
- > Proclaims Christ's death.

WE ARE BOTH SAINT AND SINNER

## LAW = DO!

To be proclaimed to people who are secure in their sins.

- > The Law must be kept perfectly and you have sinned.
- > "The wages of sin is DEATH."
- > Convicts, uncovers sin.
- > Cannot lead to salvation.

## GOSPEL = DONE!

To be proclaimed to people who are alarmed of their sin.

- > Jesus paid the full price of your sin upon the cross.
- > Proclaims forgiveness.
- > Is salvation.

## LUTHERANS are SAINTS

God sees us as "Saints", perfect and sinless, since:  
 \* Jesus died for our sins,  
 \* the Holy Spirit has planted faith in us through Word and the Sacraments OF Baptism and Communion.

## LUTHERANS ARE SINNERS

We are sinners and will sin everyday of our lives. Everyday we "Remember our Baptism", confess our sins and repent and are forgiven and arise as a "new person", forgiven by God and ready to serve our God and to serve others.

## Table of Duties

- > Pastors and People
- > Government and Citizens
- > Husbands and wives
- > Bosses and Employees
- > Youth
- > Widows
- > Everyone

## Daily Prayers

- > Morning
- > Evening
- > Asking a blessing
- > Returning Thanks

## Christian Q & A

A series of questions that leads one through what the catechism has taught about faith and life in preparation for receiving the Lord's Supper.

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**Theology of the Cross:** God descends to us. Holy Spirit plants faith through Word, Communion and Baptism.

**Theology of Glory:** We ascend to God. Our good works and our efforts earn forgiveness and heaven.