

## Catechism for Shorties

- Q. 1. Who made you? A. **God made me and all things.**
- Q. 2. Who is God? A. **God is Spirit, eternal and almighty.**
- Q. 3. Where is God? A. **God is everywhere and knows all things.**
- Q. 4. Why did God make all things? A. **For His own glory.**
- Q. 5. How do we glorify God? A. **By loving Him and his word.**
- Q. 6. What is His word? A. **The Holy Bible.**
- Q. 7. What is the nature of God? A. **He is one God in three Persons.**
- Q. 8. Who are the three Persons? A. **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**
- Q. 9. Who is the Son of God? A. **The Lord Jesus Christ.**
- Q. 10. Is *Christ* His last name? A. **No. Christ means *anointed one*.**
- Q. 11. Is Jesus Christ God? A. **Yes. He is both God and man.**
- Q. 12. Is the Father also a man? A. **No.**
- Q. 13. Is the Holy Spirit God? A. **Yes.**
- Q. 14. Are there then three Gods? A. **No, there is only one God.**
- Q. 15. How do you know this? A. **By hearing and reading God's word, the Bible.**
- Q. 16. Where did we get the Bible? A. **Men wrote it as the Holy Spirit led them.**
- Q. 17. What is heaven? A. **That good place where we will enjoy God forever.**
- Q. 18. Did God create all things good? A. **Yes, but we are fallen.**
- Q. 19. What does it mean that man fell? A. **All men sinned against God.**
- Q. 20. What is sin? A. **Not obeying God's law.**
- Q. 21. What is God's law? A. **All that He commands us to do.**
- Q. 22. Does God hate sin? A. **Yes.**
- Q. 23. Do all people sin? A. **Yes. All men from Adam sin but not Jesus.**
- Q. 24. What do men in Adam deserve? A. **The anger and punishment of God.**
- Q. 25. Can they go to heaven? A. **No, their sins must first be taken away.**
- Q. 26. What if their sins are not taken away? A. **They go to hell.**
- Q. 27. What is hell? A. **That bad place where people are punished forever.**
- Q. 28. What is the gospel? A. **The good news that God saves sinners.**
- Q. 29. What happens when we are saved? A. **Our sins are taken away.**
- Q. 30. Who saved us from our sins? A. **Jesus Christ, when He died on the cross.**
- Q. 31. Is Jesus dead? A. **No. He came back to life on the third day.**
- Q. 32. What also happens when we are saved? A. **With hearts of faith, we believe.**
- Q. 33. What is faith? A. **God's gift of trusting Jesus Christ alone for salvation.**
- Q. 34. Why did He give us faith? A. **Because He loved us before the world began.**
- Q. 35. Do we deserve His love? A. **No. We were born in sin, hating God.**
- Q. 36. How do you give thanks to God? A. **By praying and keeping His commands.**
- Q. 37. Why are you thankful? A. **Because Christ loves me and died for me.**
- Q. 38. Does God still love us even if we sin? A. **Yes, He will never leave us.**
- Q. 39. How do you know you belong to God? A. **Because I was baptized.**
- Q. 40. What is baptism? A. **His mark upon me by the washing of water.**
- Q. 41. Why are we baptized? A. **Because God has called us into His church.**
- Q. 42. What does baptism show you? A. **Christ washing away my sins by His blood.**
- Q. 43. Who should be baptized? A. **Only believers and their children.**

- Q. 44. How many sacraments are there? A. **Two, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.**  
Q. 45. What is the Lord's Supper? A. **A sign and seal of the new covenant.**  
Q. 46. What is Christ's command in it? A. **That we eat His flesh and drink His blood.**  
Q. 47. How do we do this? A. **By the eating of bread and drinking of wine.**  
Q. 48. What are we doing in this? A. **We remember the sacrifice of Christ.**  
Q. 49. Is Christ present in the sacraments? A. **Yes, He is present to build our faith.**  
Q. 50. Is He in the bread and the wine? A. **No, He is bodily with the Father in heaven.**  
Q. 51. Do we really eat and drink His body and blood? A. **Yes, our souls do heavenly.**  
Q. 52. Who should come to the Lord's Supper? A. **Only professing believers.**

- Q. 53. What is good about Jesus' birth? A. **He was born of a virgin.**  
Q. 54. What does this mean? A. **His Father is not a son of Adam.**  
Q. 55. Why is this good? A. **Jesus is the Son of God, born without original sin.**  
Q. 56. What is special about His life? A. **He always did the good and never sinned.**  
Q. 57. Did Jesus really have to die for sins? A. **Yes, only his death could save us.**  
Q. 58. Why was our Lord buried? A. **To show that He really was dead.**  
Q. 59. Why was He resurrected? A. **To prove He truly is Christ, without sin.**

- Q. 60. How are you saved? A. **By grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.**  
Q. 61. Can you also be saved by doing good works? A. **No. It is by grace alone.**  
Q. 62. What is grace? A. **God calling me to Himself even though I don't deserve it.**  
Q. 63. What is God's calling? A. **Being born again by the working of the Holy Spirit.**  
Q. 64. Why is this good? A. **He gives me new life and makes me able to believe.**  
Q. 65. What do you believe? A. **Christ died for me and rose bodily from the dead.**  
Q. 66. What is justification? A. **To be declared righteous because of His life and death.**  
Q. 67. What is righteousness? A. **To have a right and perfect standing before God.**

- Q. 68. What is sanctification? A. **Becoming more and more like Christ everyday.**  
Q. 69. How? A. **The Holy Spirit helps me to live for my Lord and die to sin.**  
Q. 70. Do the people of God still sin? A. **Yes, we fight daily against our own sin.**  
Q. 71. What is Christ's promise therein? A. **If we confess our sins, He will forgive us.**  
Q. 72. What is confession of sins? A. **When we admit our sins to God in prayer.**  
Q. 73. Can we ever lose our salvation? A. **No. I am justified by the Father.**  
Q. 74. Why do we pray? A. **To thank Him for grace and call on Him in our distress.**  
Q. 75. How should we pray? A. **We must pray for all we need, according to His will.**  
Q. 76. What is His will? A. **The Ten Commandments and all His moral law.**  
Q. 77. What is the chief part of holiness? A. **Giving thanks to God for saving us.**

- Q. 78. Can you love God by yourself? A. **No. I must be a member of the local church.**  
Q. 79. What is the church? A. **The one, covenant people of God in Christ.**  
Q. 80. Who are they? A. **Believers and their children, starting with Abraham.**  
Q. 81. What is election? A. **That God chose us in Christ before the world began.**  
Q. 82. Why did God elect you? A. **Not for any good in me, but for His own purpose.**  
Q. 83. Did God choose every person in the world? A. **No, only His bride, the church.**  
Q. 84. Is everyone in the church elect? A. **No. Some, very few, do not have true faith.**  
Q. 85. Did He elect those whom would believe? A. **No. He chose us in order to believe.**  
Q. 86. Does Christ shun the non-elect? A. **No. All people in Adam shun Christ.**  
Q. 87. When will we see our Lord Jesus Christ? A. **When we die or when He returns.**  
Q. 88. Why do we die? A. **To stop sinning, go to our Lord, and enjoy Him forever.**