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INTRODUCTION

This is a catechism—a set of religious answers and questions.

Since Pentecostal churches have traditionally not used a catechism as part of their discipleship of children, this product is special. Its purpose is to help parents and church leaders pass on the story of faith to the next generation.

As it lifts up biblical truths, this catechism has the power, through the Holy Spirit, to plant within children the basics they need to know Christ and stand firm for Him. It has the power, through the Holy Spirit, to give them a godly perspective on what the church believes and how it should affect their lives.

The Bible

Psalms 119:105, 160; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:19-21

1. Who wrote the Bible?
A. Holy people who were chosen by God
2. What does “verbal inspiration” mean?
A. The writers wrote the words and ideas God gave them.
3. What makes the Bible different from other books?
A. God inspired the Bible, so I know it is true.
4. How long did it take to write the Bible?
A. It took over 1,600 years.
5. What are the two major divisions of the Bible?
A. The Old Testament and the New Testament
6. How many books are in the Bible?
A. 66. There are 39 books in the Old Testament, and 27 in the New Testament.

7. What are the divisions of the Old Testament?
 - A. Books of the Law, History, Poetry, and the Prophets
8. What does the New Testament contain?
 - A. Stories from Jesus' life, a history of the early church, and letters
9. Why is the Bible important to you?
 - A. The Bible is the living Word of God and teaches me how to live for God.

The Trinity

Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalms 139:11; 147:4; Matthew 3:16-17; Romans 5:5; 15:16, 30; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Revelation 1:8

10. How was God created?
 - A. God was not created, but has always been and always will be.
11. Does God have a body like yours?
 - A. No. He is an eternal Spirit.
12. Where is God?
 - A. God is everywhere.

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13. Does God know everything about you?
A. Yes, God sees and knows everything.
14. What can God do?
A. God has all power and can do anything.
15. Is there more than one true God?
A. No, there is only one living God.
16. Why do we call God a Trinity?
A. He is one God in three persons.
17. Who are the persons in the Trinity?
A. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
18. Are the three persons in the Trinity equal?
A. Each is fully God and all are completely equal.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Matthew 1:18; Mark 16:21; Luke 2:6-7; 18:32-33; 24:50-53; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 4:15; 1 John 4:14; 2 John 3

19. What is the relationship between Jesus and God the Father?
 - A. Jesus is the unique Son of the Father.
20. How did Jesus come to earth?
 - A. He came as a newborn baby.
21. How was Jesus' birth a miracle?
 - A. The Son of God became a man, and his mother was a virgin.
22. Why did Jesus come to earth?
 - A. He came to die for my sins so I could be forgiven.
23. While Jesus was on earth, what kind of life did He live?
 - A. Jesus lived a perfect life without sin.
24. How did Jesus die?
 - A. Jesus was crucified on a cross.
25. What happened to Jesus after He died?
 - A. On the third day, God raised Jesus from the dead.

26. After Jesus was resurrected, where did He go?
A. He went to heaven.
27. Where is Jesus today?
A. Jesus is in heaven, at the right hand of God the Father.
28. What is Jesus doing for you in heaven?
A. He is praying for me.
29. How can you believe in Jesus even though you cannot see Him?
A. Reading the Bible gives me faith in Jesus.

Repentance and Forgiveness

Genesis 2:7, 15-22; 3:1-24; 4:1-8; Romans 5:8; 3:23; 6:23

30. What is sin?
A. Sin is anything I think, do, or say that breaks God's law.
31. How did sin enter the world?
A. Sin came through the disobedience of Adam and Eve.
32. Who tempted Adam and Eve to sin?
A. The devil tempted them, and they chose to sin.

33. How did Adam's and Eve's disobedience affect you?
A. Their sin caused me to be born as a sinner.
34. Because you have sinned, what do you deserve?
A. I deserve to be separated from God now and forever.
35. Who has sinned?
A. Every person, except Jesus, has sinned.
36. Since everyone has sinned, can anyone go to heaven?
A. Only those who are forgiven of their sins will go to heaven.
37. Can you save yourself from sin?
A. No. Salvation is a gift offered to me by God's grace.
38. How can you receive the gift of salvation?
A. I must believe in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and repent of my sins.
39. What does "repentance" mean?
A. I turn away from sin and turn to God.

40. Who leads you to repentance?
A. The Holy Spirit
41. What happens when you repent of your sins?
A. I receive a new life in Christ.

The New Birth

John 3:16-17; Romans 10:17; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Hebrews 11:1-12, 30; 12:2

42. What is “faith”?
A. “Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see” (Heb. 11:1 CEV).
43. What does it mean to have faith in the blood of Jesus Christ?
A. It means believing that Jesus died on the cross to save me from my sins.
44. What does it mean to be “justified”?
A. I have a right relationship with God—just as if I had never sinned.
45. What does “regeneration” mean?
A. *Regeneration* means to be born again, becoming a new creation in Christ.

46. When are you “born again”?
A. When I ask Jesus to save me from my sins, I am born again.

Sanctification

Psalm 119:9; Jeremiah 1:4-5; Matthew 10:37; Luke 14:25-33; John 7:38-39; 17:17; Romans 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 1 John 1:7

47. After you are born again, what should you become?
A. I should become a disciple of Jesus.
48. What is a disciple?
A. A disciple is someone who is growing to become more and more like Jesus.
49. What does “sanctification” mean?
A. *Sanctification* means being set apart from sin so I can serve God.
50. How can you be sanctified?
A. The blood of Jesus, the Bible, and the Holy Spirit sanctify me.
51. How does the Bible sanctify you?
A. It teaches me the ways of God and builds my faith to follow His ways.

52. How does the Holy Spirit sanctify you?
A. The Holy Spirit helps me to understand and obey the Bible.

Holiness

Psalms 24:3-5; Matthew 16:15-18; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 10:13; Galatians 5:16-23; Ephesians 2:20-21; Hebrews 10:25

53. What is the Church?
A. The holy people of God
54. What is “holiness”?
A. Holiness is a life patterned after Jesus and led by the Holy Spirit.
55. What part do you play in leading a holy life?
A. Saying no to sin and saying yes to God
56. Why is it important for you to attend church services?
A. I can grow as a disciple by hearing God’s Word and worshiping Him.
57. As a disciple of Jesus, what should grow in your life?
A. The fruit of the Holy Spirit

58. What is the “fruit of the Spirit”?
- A. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Joel 2:28-29; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8, 12-13; 2:1-18, 41; 6:1-3

59. What is the baptism in the Holy Spirit?
- A. A gift from God that helps me witness for Christ
60. How can you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?
- A. I ask God for this gift in faith.
61. Who were the first people to be baptized in the Spirit?
- A. 120 believers on the Day of Pentecost
62. What is the first sign that you have been baptized in the Spirit?
- A. I speak in tongues.
63. What does it mean to “speak in tongues”?
- A. I speak words from God in a language that I have not learned.

64. How can speaking in tongues help you?
A. It helps me in my praying and worship.
65. What is another name for “baptism in the Holy Spirit”?
A. Being filled with the Holy Spirit
66. Who can be baptized in the Holy Spirit?
A. Anyone who has been born again and sanctified.
67. In Acts 1:8, why did Jesus say He would baptize His disciples in the Spirit?
A. So they would become powerful witnesses
68. How does Jesus want you to be His witness?
A. I witness for Jesus by obeying Him and telling others about Him.

The Church

Matthew 16:18; Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 27-28

69. In Matthew 16:18, what did Jesus promise?
A. To build His church

70. What is another name for the Church?
A. The body of Christ
71. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?
A. Special abilities God gives His disciples to help the Church

Water Baptism

Matthew 3:11-17; 28:19; Romans 6:4

72. How is water baptism a witness?
A. It's a special way to show others I have been born again.
73. How is water baptism a pledge?
A. It's a promise to Jesus that I will live for Him.
74. What does "baptism by immersion" mean?
A. To be completely covered by water
75. What does water baptism represent?
A. Dying to sin and rising with Christ into new life
76. In Matthew 28:19, what did Jesus say about water baptism?
A. Believers are to be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:23; Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-28

77. What is the Lord's Supper?
A. A time to remember, give thanks, and look ahead
78. What do you remember at the Lord's Supper?
A. I remember Jesus' suffering and death.
79. What do the bread and drink represent?
A. Jesus' body and His blood
80. For what do you give thanks at the Lord's Supper?
A. I thank Jesus for saving me from sin.
81. Why do you look ahead at the Lord's Supper?
A. The Lord's Supper reminds me that Jesus is coming again.
82. What is another name for the Lord's Supper?
A. *Communion*, which means "fellowship" and "sharing"

Divine Healing

*Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17; 9:35-36;
Mark 1:40-41; James 5:14-16*

83. Why do you sometimes get sick?
A. I live in a world broken by sin.
84. What did Jesus do so you could be healed?
A. He suffered and died for me.
85. What types of healings can God do?
A. He can heal my body, my mind, my emotions, and my soul.
86. When you need healing, what should you do?
A. I should pray, and I should ask others to pray.
87. What if you pray for healing but are not healed?
A. I should keep trusting and hoping in God.
88. Will you be healed in heaven?
A. Yes. There is no sickness in heaven.

The Second Coming

Acts 1:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 1 Thesalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:4-6

89. When was the first coming of Jesus?
A. When He came to earth as a man to die on the Cross
90. When is Jesus coming again?
A. Only God knows when He will come.
91. What three sounds will be heard when Jesus comes in the air?
A. Jesus will shout, an angel will shout, and a trumpet will sound.
92. What will happen to Christians who have died?
A. Their bodies will rise from the grave.
93. What will happen to Christians who are alive?
A. They will join Jesus in the air and their bodies will be changed.
94. How fast will Jesus' coming happen?
A. Faster than the blink of an eye or a flash of lightning

95. What is the Millennium?
A. The 1,000 years when Jesus and His disciples will reign on earth
96. What will take place after the Millennium?
A. The final judgment

The Afterlife

John 14:1-3; 2 Peter 3:13; 1 John 3:1-3; Revelation 1:18; 5:9-10; 20:10-15; 21:1-8, 25; 22:1-7

97. What is the Lamb's Book of Life?
A. It is God's record of everyone who has been born again.
98. Who will go to heaven?
A. Everyone whose name is written in the Book of Life
99. Name four things that won't be in heaven.
A. Sin, sickness, death, and sadness
100. What will happen to unbelievers on Judgment Day?
A. They will be sentenced to eternal punishment in hell.

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101. For whom was hell created?
A. The devil and his angels
102. What is hell like?
A. A place of darkness, suffering, and sadness that never ends
103. What did Jesus say about Himself in Revelation 1:18?
A. "I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."



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