

JUNIOR INQUIRERS CLASS

For Review with Parents During the Week:

1. Read *Genesis* 1:31:
 - a. Was sin a part of God's original creation?
 - b. Where did sin come from? (*Romans* 5:12, 19)
2. Is there any person (other than Jesus Christ) who has not sinned? (*Romans* 3:10, 23)
3. What are the consequences of sin? (*Romans* 6:23)
4. Who is Jesus? (*John* 1:1, 14)
5. What two things does Westminster Shorter Catechism 33 tell us God does for us?
 - a. Can we go to heaven without *both* of these?
 - b. What would happen if we only had
6. Why is it important that Jesus rose from the dead?
7. What is the difference between faith and repentance? (Westminster Shorter Catechism 86, 87)
8. Can you obey God without the help of Jesus.
 - a. What do we call that process where God enables us to obey better? (Westminster Shorter Catechism 35)
 - b. Which comes first? Our obedience to God or trust in God?

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Series: Junior Inquirers Class: Week #1

Title: What is the Gospel?

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. This is a class.
- B. This is NOT a membership class
- C. To take the Lord's Supper someone must understand and believe the Gospel. (Shorter Catechism 97; 1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

II. ALL PEOPLE ARE SINNERS

- A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of the Law of God. (Shorter Catechism 14; 1 John 3:4)
- B. All people have sinned. (*Romans* 3:10, 23)
- C. We get our sinfulness from Adam. (*Romans* 5:12, 19)

III. THE PENALTY OF SIN IS DEATH (SHORTER CATECHISM 84; ROMANS 6:23)

- A. Every sin deserves physical death (*Genesis* 2:17; 3:19)
- B. Every sin deserves spiritual death (*Romans* 6:23; *Matthew* 25:41, 46)

IV. JESUS IS GOD AND LIVED A SINLESS LIFE

- A. Jesus is fully God (*John* 1:1)
- B. Jesus became a man (*John* 1:14)

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C. There is one God in three persons.

V. JESUS' LIFE AND DEATH SAVED US FROM OURS SINS

A. Jesus paid the price of sin by dying on the cross (Romans 5:8)

B. Jesus earned heaven for us by living a perfect life (Romans 5:18-19)

C. *Shorter Catechism 33 Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.*

VI. JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD WITH THE SAME BODY IN WHICH HE DIED

A. Jesus did not stay dead. (Acts 2:24)

B. Jesus' resurrection is proof that our sin is forgiven and that we will live forever in heaven.

VII. FAITH AND REPENTANCE

A. We receive salvation by faith alone. (Romans 10:9-10)

B. To trust in Jesus also means to turn from our sin.

C. *Shorter Catechism 35 Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole*

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man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

VIII. CONCLUSION

A. To become a *communicant* member at Reformation you need to believe these five things:

1. All people are sinners.

2. The penalty of sin is physical and spiritual death.

3. Jesus Christ is fully God and never sinned.

4. Jesus lived a perfect life to earn heaven and died to take away our sins.

5. Jesus rose again from the dead with the same body in which he died.

B. You need to be able explain these truths.

C. You need to be trying to be obedient to God.

D. You need to show that you care about the God's teachings.