

		First Catechism 40-75	scripture: James 2 : 8-12
Week 1	6/7/2014	<p>40. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature? No. Our hearts must be changed before we can believe in Jesus and go to heaven.</p> <p>41. What is this change of heart called? The new birth, or regeneration.</p> <p>42. Who can change a sinner's heart? The Holy Spirit alone.</p>	8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;
Week 2	6/14	<p>43. Can anyone be saved through the covenant of life? No. No one can be saved through the covenant of life.</p> <p>44. Why can't anyone be saved through the covenant of life? Because all have broken it and are condemned by it.</p> <p>45. How did you break the covenant of life? Adam represented all people, and so I fell with Adam in his first sin.</p>	
Week 3	6/21	<p>46. How, then, can you be saved? By the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant of grace.</p> <p>47. Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace? His elect people.</p>	9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.
Week 4	6/28	<p>48. How did Christ fulfill the covenant of grace? Christ obeyed the whole law for his people, and then suffered the punishment due for their sins.</p> <p>49. Did Jesus ever sin? No. He lived a sinless life.</p> <p>50. How could Christ suffer? Christ, the Son of God, became a man so that he could obey and suffer in our place.</p>	
Week 5	7/5	<p>51. For whom did Christ obey and suffer? For all whom God the Father gave to Christ.</p> <p>52. What kind of life did Christ live on earth? A life of obedience, service and suffering.</p> <p>53. What kind of death did Jesus die? The painful and shameful death of the cross.</p>	10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.
Week 6	7/12	<p>54. What is meant by the atonement? Christ satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.</p> <p>55. What does God the Father guarantee in the covenant of grace? To justify and sanctify all those for whom Christ died.</p>	
Week 7	7/19	<p>56. How does God justify you? God forgives all my sins and accepts me as righteous through Christ.</p> <p>57. How does God sanctify you? God makes me more and more holy in heart and conduct.</p>	11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.
Week 8	7/26	<p>58. What must you do to be saved? I must repent of my sin and believe in Christ as my Savior.</p> <p>59. How do you repent of your sin? I must be sorry for my sin, and hate and forsake it.</p> <p>60. Why must you hate and forsake your sin? Because sin displeases God.</p>	
Week 9	8/2	<p>61. What does it mean to believe in Christ? To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.</p> <p>62. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power? No. I cannot repent and believe unless the Holy Spirit changes my heart.</p>	12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.
Week 10	8/9	<p>63. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit? God has told us to pray for the Holy Spirit's help.</p> <p>64. How long ago did Christ die? About two thousand years ago.</p> <p>65. How were sinners saved before Christ came? By believing in the promised Messiah.</p>	
Week 11	8/16	<p>66. Before Christ came, how did believers show their faith? By offering the sacrifices God required.</p> <p>67. What did these sacrifices represent? Christ, the Lamb of God, who would come to die for sinners.</p>	13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
Week 12	8/23	<p>68. How many offices does Christ fulfill as the promised Messiah? Christ fulfills three offices.</p> <p>69. What are they? The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.</p> <p>70. How is Christ your prophet? Christ teaches me the will of God.</p>	
Week 13	8/30	<p>71. How is Christ your priest? Christ died for my sins and continues to pray for me.</p> <p>72. How is Christ your king? Christ rules over me, the world and Satan, and he defends me.</p> <p>73. Why do you need Christ as your prophet? Because I am ignorant by nature.</p> <p>74. Why do you need Christ as your priest? Because I am guilty of breaking God's law.</p> <p>75. Why do you need Christ as your king? Because I am weak and helpless.</p>	James 2:8-13