

		First Catechism 40-75	scripture: James 2 : 8-12
Week 1	6/1/2024	<p><b>40. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?</b> No. Our hearts must be changed before we can believe in Jesus and go to heaven.</p> <p><b>41. What is this change of heart called?</b> The new birth, or regeneration.</p> <p><b>42. Who can change a sinner's heart?</b> The Holy Spirit alone.</p>	<p>8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;</p>
Week 2	6/8	<p><b>43. Can anyone be saved through the covenant of life?</b> No. No one can be saved through the covenant of life.</p> <p><b>44. Why can't anyone be saved through the covenant of life?</b> Because all have broken it and are condemned by it.</p> <p><b>45. How did you break the covenant of life?</b> Adam represented all people, and so I fell with Adam in his first sin.</p>	
Week 3	6/15	<p><b>46. How, then, can you be saved?</b> By the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant of grace.</p> <p><b>47. Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace?</b> His elect people.</p>	<p>9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.</p>
Week 4	6/22	<p><b>48. How did Christ fulfill the covenant of grace?</b> Christ obeyed the whole law for his people, and then suffered the punishment due for their sins.</p> <p><b>49. Did Jesus ever sin?</b> No. He lived a sinless life.</p> <p><b>50. How could Christ suffer?</b> Christ, the Son of God, became a man so that he could obey and suffer in our place.</p>	
Week 5	6/29	<p><b>51. For whom did Christ obey and suffer?</b> For all whom God the Father gave to Christ.</p> <p><b>52. What kind of life did Christ live on earth?</b> A life of obedience, service and suffering.</p> <p><b>53. What kind of death did Jesus die?</b> The painful and shameful death of the cross.</p>	<p>10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.</p>
Week 6	7/6	<p><b>54. What is meant by the atonement?</b> Christ satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.</p> <p><b>55. What does God the Father guarantee in the covenant of grace?</b> To justify and sanctify all those for whom Christ died.</p>	
Week 7	7/13	<p><b>56. How does God justify you?</b> God forgives all my sins and accepts me as righteous through Christ.</p> <p><b>57. How does God sanctify you?</b> God makes me more and more holy in heart and conduct.</p>	<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.</p>
Week 8	7/19	<p><b>58. What must you do to be saved?</b> I must repent of my sin and believe in Christ as my Savior.</p> <p><b>59. How do you repent of your sin?</b> I must be sorry for my sin, and hate and forsake it.</p> <p><b>60. Why must you hate and forsake your sin?</b> Because sin displeases God.</p>	
Week 9	7/26	<p><b>61. What does it mean to believe in Christ?</b> To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.</p> <p><b>62. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?</b> No. I cannot repent and believe unless the Holy Spirit changes my heart.</p>	<p>12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.</p>
Week 10	8/3	<p><b>63. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit?</b> God has told us to pray for the Holy Spirit's help.</p> <p><b>64. How long ago did Christ die?</b> About two thousand years ago.</p> <p><b>65. How were sinners saved before Christ came?</b> By believing in the promised Messiah.</p>	
Week 11	8/10	<p><b>66. Before Christ came, how did believers show their faith?</b> By offering the sacrifices God required.</p> <p><b>67. What did these sacrifices represent?</b> Christ, the Lamb of God, who would come to die for sinners.</p>	<p>13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.</p>
Week 12	8/17	<p><b>68. How many offices does Christ fulfill as the promised Messiah?</b> Christ fulfills three offices.</p> <p><b>69. What are they?</b> The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.</p> <p><b>70. How is Christ your prophet?</b> Christ teaches me the will of God.</p>	
Week 13	8/24	<p><b>71. How is Christ your priest?</b> Christ died for my sins and continues to pray for me.</p> <p><b>72. How is Christ your king?</b> Christ rules over me, the world and Satan, and he defends me.</p> <p><b>73. Why do you need Christ as your prophet?</b> Because I am ignorant by nature.</p> <p><b>74. Why do you need Christ as your priest?</b> Because I am guilty of breaking God's law.</p> <p><b>75. Why do you need Christ as your king?</b> Because I am weak and helpless.</p>	<p>James 2:8-13</p>