

RCIA / SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION QUIZ 1

Existence of God, Scripture/Tradition, Adam/Eve/Original Sin

1. Is Jesus human or God? (Be careful with your answer!)

Both. Jesus is fully man and fully God.

2. Every human being since Adam and Eve have been born deprived of original holiness and justice. What do we call this?

Original Sin

3. The sharing by God of himself with us is called Divine Revelation. In what two areas/things has Revelation been made known to us and passed down throughout the centuries?

Scripture and Tradition

4. Who or what has passed down Revelation over the centuries?

Catholic Church

5. Which Apostle was viewed as the leader of the group and became the head of the Church, chosen by the Lord Jesus himself?

Saint Peter

6. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament in the Holy Bible? All the books of the Bible are about whom, whether or not his name is mentioned?

The OT is written BEFORE Jesus and the NT is written after Jesus. All of the books of the Bible are about Jesus Christ.

7. What was the sin of Adam and Eve? What did they do and why was it wrong?

Disobedience of God. They ate the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, which God told them that they could not eat.

8. What is the sacrament that removes Original Sin and brings us into union with God?

Baptism

9. God creates us with free will. Free will means that we are free to choose to accept or reject God. Why is free will important and what important action or choice are we able to do as human beings that we would be unable to do without free will?

Free will is important because it means that we are not robots or forced to do anything. We are responsible beings that make our own choices. We are the subjects of the actions.

Free will allows us to LOVE.

10. Catholics are Christians but not all Christians are Catholic. Many Christians disagree with the truth that the Catholic Church professes in her faith. Can you name two differences between Catholics and some non-Catholic Christians (Protestants)?

Belief in 7 sacraments (others do not believe in sacraments or believe a different number of them)

Jesus' presence in the Holy Eucharist

Priesthood

Number of books of the Bible (more in Catholic Bibles)

Pope is the earthly head of the Church

11. What is the title given to the head of the Catholic Church and who is the current head?

Pope.

Francis.

12. Anyone can buy and read his or her own version of the Bible and disagree about what the passage says and means. The Lord Jesus provided a solution for when these conflicts arise. Who or what is the solution? Explain.

The Catholic Church is the solution. The Church gives us the Scriptures but also gives us the correct way to INTERPRET and UNDERSTAND them. Words can be understood in different ways (ex. "I am the Bread of Life."). The Church passes on to us in her Tradition the correct way to understand the Scriptures in addition to the other teachings that she passes on to us.

13. What is one response that you could give to a person who denies the existence of God? You do not need to fully convince the person, only to get him or her to begin thinking about things differently.

There are various responses. Argument from Motion or Causation. Argument from Design. What I would offer for now is to ask the person if he or she accepts science. I expect a yes answer. Science is the search for truth. A scientist asks a question and expects to find an answer. Why do they expect to find an answer? It means that the answer exists. We can ask them why? Why do they think that? It means that the universe acts according to principles and rules, it is able to be understood. If it can be understood, we can propose that it is because mind or intelligent being made it in such this way. We call this mind or intelligent being God.