



A Year with the Catechism

(In preparation for next week.)

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all that I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Bible Passages

He sustains all things by His powerful Word. [*Hebrews 1:3*]

He is not far from each one of us. For in Him we live and move and have our own being. [*Acts 17:27-8*]

The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made. [*Psalms 145:9*]

Weekly Catechism Reading

Genesis 1

p. 133-138 – Central Thought – Part 120

p. 138-145 – Part 121-130

p. 146-150 – Central Thought-Part 135

p. 150-155 – Part 136-139

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Devotion

Bible Readings

Genesis 1
Psalm 145:15-16
Hebrews 11:3

Devotion

What do you believe about the creation of the world? Do you think it's an accident or created by the power of God's Word? Do you think you are a descendant of a monkey or you are a special and unique creation of God? What does the Bible say?

The First Article and the first two paragraphs of "*What does this mean?*" give the answer. Evolution is simply a human concoction to proclaim there is no God. It claims we, and the world, are products of serendipitous chance. It teaches we are accountable to ourselves, not to God and that we are animals rather than human beings created in the image of God.

The Bible teaches God has given us everything: our body, our abilities, our jobs, our families, and the list goes on. Not all the people know this, so God's people need to tell them. They don't know because sin confuses our understanding of who God is and what He daily does for us.

God wants us to pray to Him for our daily needs and to thank Him, but we don't do this very well because of our sinfulness. God loves us very much. His Son came into our world to save us and give us hope. In Him we have new life and forgiveness.

Prayer

God, we thank You for creating us and for giving us everything we have. Help us to daily be filled with joy and thankfulness for our body, our abilities, our jobs, family, and for Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.