



The Front Four Things

1. Who is God?



GOD IS THE SUPREME BEING (*He is above all creatures*), **INFINITELY PERFECT** (*has no imperfections; He is perfection without limit. Eternal, all-powerful (Omnipotent,) all-good, all-knowing (Omniscient), all-present (Omnipresent) all-just, all-merciful ,...*), **SELF-EXISTING** (*He does not owe His existence to another being*), **SPIRIT** (*intellect and free will; no body; will never cease to exist*), **WHO MADE ALL THINGS AND KEEPS THEM IN EXISTENCE.**

God has revealed Himself, through Sacred Scripture, as **THE TRINITY** (three Persons in one God) : **FATHER** (*Creator*), **SON** (*Redeemer & Judge*), and **HOLY SPIRIT** (*Sanctifier*), who are coequal yet distinct from each other.

2. What is man?



A CREATURE COMPRISED OF BODY AND SOUL, WHOSE SOUL IS MADE IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD. The soul is immortal, ie. shall never die.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ *Image and Likeness = THE SOUL: a spirit that will never cease to exist which has intellect and free will.*
- ❖ *Intellect = THE GIFT OF REASON: to think and acquire knowledge; to regulate our action.*
- ❖ *Free Will = THE GIFT OF CHOICE. God is permitting use to choose between good and evil. He will not interfere with this process. He expects us to acquire proper knowledge in order to choose good; thus, if we fail to seek truth and blindly follow the masses we will probably be in for the shock of our **eternity!!!***
- ❖ *Memory = THE GIFT OF INFORMATION RETENTION.*
- ❖ *Imagination = THE GIFT OF TO VISUALIZE. TO BE CREATIVE. TO BECOME AWARE OF THE WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE.*

3. Why were we born?



WE WERE BORN TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD IN THIS LIFE AND BE HAPPY WITH HIM IN THE NEXT (ETERNITY).

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ *We cannot serve unless we love; we cannot love unless we know; we cannot know unless we study.*
- ❖ *To know Him is to love Him; to love Him is to serve Him.*

4. How do we know this stuff?



WE KNOW BY:

- ❖ **NATURAL REASON** (*The natural law is nothing other than the light of understanding placed in us by God; through it we know what we must do and what we must avoid. God gives this light or law at our conception.*)
- ❖ **SACRED SCRIPTURE** (*The Bible, God is the author whose writers were inspired by the Holy Spirit.*)
- ❖ **SACRED (APOSTOLIC) TRADITION** (*The unwritten word of God given by Christ through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and handed down to their successors; who had them written down lest they be forgotten or embellished.*)
- ❖ **SACRED WRITINGS** (*of the Church Fathers, Popes, and all Holy Men and Women.*)

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ *Our parents are our primary teachers. They are supported by the church (clerics, religious, lay catechists).*