

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How does the First Commandment set the tone for the rest?
2. How can the Ten Commandments be summed up in the two great commandments of Christ?
3. How does Christ's Revelation differ from revelation in all other faiths?
4. What are the theological virtues, and how are they received?
5. Define faith. What is the response that is required on the part of man?
6. What is the relationship between humility and the Faith? What is the relationship between reason and the Faith?
7. Give examples of voluntary doubt, schism, and heresy.
8. Give an example of how a person might fall into despair. Give an example of presumption.
9. Explain how loving God leads naturally to a love of neighbor.
10. Is ingratitude a common sin? Explain.
11. Explain how a person can sin against love? What do you think is the root cause of these sins?
12. Explain each of the four types of prayer.
13. Give an example of idolatry in modern society. Explain how the example meets the definition given in the Catechism.
14. If idols are wrong, then why are Catholics allowed, or even encouraged, to have pictures, icons, and religious symbols?
15. Select three violations against proper worship and explain why they are violations against the First Commandment.
16. What name did God reveal to Moses? How did the Israelites refer to God, and why?
17. Explain how respect for God's name continued in the New Testament.
18. When is it most appropriate to refer to the name of God?
19. What is an oath? What are some instances in which God himself swore an oath?
20. What is the difference between an assertory oath and a promissory oath?
21. List and explain the conditions which are necessary in taking an oath.
22. What is the difference between a vow and an oath?
23. What are two circumstances when vows are taken? What is the meaning of taking these two vows?
24. List and explain the three requirements for taking a vow.
25. What is blasphemy? List three examples.
26. What are some examples from modern society that would indicate that blasphemy has become acceptable among some people?
27. What is the origin of the seventh day or the Sabbath as a day of rest?
28. What was the double purpose of the Sabbath in the Old Testament?
29. Under Mosaic Law, what were the Israelites obliged to do on the Sabbath?
30. How did the earliest Christians, as indicated in the Book of Acts, keep the Lord's Day?
31. What is a Holy Day of Obligation?
32. List the reasons why Sunday worship is an obligation for Christians.
33. List the ten Holy Days of Obligation for the universal Church, and summarize the meaning of each celebration.
34. Why may the Sunday or Holy Day obligation be fulfilled on the evening before?
35. When may a Catholic miss Mass?
36. Why is there an obligation to rest on Sunday? What would be an example of permitted work that is not listed in the text?
37. List several activities which would help an individual or a family to keep the meaning of the Lord's Day.