

## Westminster Shorter Catechism

1. Q. What is man's primary purpose?  
A. Man's primary purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

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2. Q. What authority from God directs us how to glorify and enjoy Him?  
A. The only authority for glorifying and enjoying him is the Bible, which is the word of God and is made up of the Old and New Testaments.

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3. Q. What does the Bible primarily teach?  
A. The Bible primarily teaches what man must believe about God and what God requires of man.

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4. Q. What is God?  
A. God is a spirit, Whose being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable.

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5. Q. Is there more than one God?  
A. There is only one, the living and true God.

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6. Q. How many persons are in the one God?  
A. Three persons are in the one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, the same in substance and equal in power and glory.

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7. Q. What are the decrees of God?  
A. The decrees of God are His eternal plan based on the purpose of His will, by which, for His own glory, He has foreordained everything that happens.

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8. Q. How does God carry out His decrees?  
A. God carries out His decrees in creation and providence.

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9. Q. What is creation?  
A. Creation is God's making everything out of nothing by His powerful word in six days -- and all very good.

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10. Q. How did God create man?  
A. God created man, male and female, in His own image and in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, to rule over the other creatures.

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11. Q. What is God's providence?  
A. God's providence is His completely holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing every creature and every action.

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12. Q. What did God's providence specifically do for man whom He created?  
A. After the creation God made a covenant with man to give him life, if he perfectly obeyed; God told him not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil or he would die.

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13. Q. Did our first parents remain as they were created?  
A. Left to the freedom of their own wills, our first parents sinned against God and fell from their original condition.

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14. Q. What is sin?  
A. Sin is disobeying or not conforming to God's law in any way.

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15. Q. By what sin did our first parents fall from their original condition?  
A. Our first parents' sin was eating the forbidden fruit.

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16. Q. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first disobedience?  
A. Since the covenant was made not only for Adam but also for his natural descendants, all mankind sinned in him and fell with him in his first disobedience.

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17. Q. What happened to man in the fall?  
A. Man fell into a condition of sin and misery.

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18. Q. What is sinful about man's fallen condition?  
A. The sinfulness of that fallen condition is twofold. First, in what is commonly called original sin, there is the guilt of Adam's first sin with its lack of original righteousness and the corruption of his whole nature. Second are all the specific acts of disobedience that come from original sin.

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19. Q. What is the misery of man's fallen condition?  
A. By their fall all mankind lost fellowship with God and brought His anger and curse on themselves. They are therefore subject to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

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20. Q. Did God leave all mankind to die in sin and misery?  
A. From all eternity and merely because it pleased Him God chose some to have everlasting life. These He freed from sin and misery by a covenant of grace and brought them to salvation by a redeemer.

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## Bible Verses

### **Romans 3:20-25a**

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood.

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### **Galatians 4:4-7**

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

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### **Romans 8:1-4**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

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### **John 15:7, 8**

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

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### **Luke 11:11-13**

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

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**I John 4:16b-18**

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

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**Romans 14:17,18**

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.

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**Romans 6:23b**

But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**Ephesians 2:8,9**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast.

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**Mark 7:20-23**

He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.' "

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**Exodus 34:6,7a**

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

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**John 1:1,14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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**James 2:19**

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.

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**John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

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**Galatians 3:13**

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

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