

7th Grade – Confirmation First Year

Sacrament of Confirmation – The Didache Series

Lesson Plan Week 5 - 10/30/2022

Topic: Finish chapter 2 (Salvation History); refresher using vocabulary lists from Introduction (p10), chapter 1 (p30) and chapter 2 (p50)

Review of last time: Trinity, Original Sin, Concupiscence, the Problem of Evil

God's Covenants

Last time we met we moved through this topic pretty quickly so we will spend a few more minutes this week.

Covenants are solemn agreements between God and his people that involve both sides making commitments to each other: I am yours and you are mine

- As opposed to a contract: this is yours and that is mine
- Adam: God promised to send a Redeemer who would reconcile God and mankind
- Noah: God saved Noah's family and promised never again to destroy the world in a flood
- Abraham: God promised the multitude of his descendants would become his chosen people
- Moses: God gave Moses the Law which helped prepare Israel for the coming of the Messiah
- David: God grants David kingship over all of Israel

Christ Fulfills the Covenants

- In all the Old Testament covenants, God uses a human mediator; in his final covenant that would bring redemption to the world, God willed that his son would be the human mediator
- Therefore, the Son would need to be born of a woman
- *...as a woman (Eve) had a share in the coming of death (Original Sin), so also should a woman contribute to the coming of life (CCC 488)*

Who is Jesus Christ?

- "Christ" and "Messiah" mean "Anointed One;" priests, prophets, and kings were anointed
- Son of God...the bible says this over and over throughout the New Testament
- Second Person of the Blessed Trinity... Lover (Father) + Beloved (Son) + Love (Holy Spirit)
- Fully God and Fully Man...fully Divine and fully Human; one like us in all things but sin

To be faithful disciples of Christ, we must model our lives after him and live how he lived:

Prayer, Holiness, witnessing the Father's love in word and deed, service to others

The Paschal Mystery: Christ's Passion, Death, Resurrection & Ascension

- Being fully human, Christ truly endured all the pain and suffering of his Passion
- Christ *really* died. He experienced death and was laid in a tomb

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- His Resurrection affirms his teachings and his life; in St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he said, "if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain."
- Christ *ascended* into heaven...but first, the Great Commission

New Passover of the Eucharist

- Passover meal was an annual remembrance of when God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt
- Sacrificed an unblemished lamb, spread its blood on the doorposts, eaten in a shared meal
- In the New Testament, we find Christ himself is the sacrificial lamb whose blood is shed in order to deliver all people from slavery to sin
- What was the "manna in the wilderness"?
- The sacrifice of the lamb at the first Passover is a prefiguration of the Sacrifice of Christ
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Everlasting Life

- The "last days" includes the whole time from Pentecost until Christ's second coming which will occur at the end of time
- **Last Things** are man's final events as an individual and a race
 - o Death: we will all die a physical death; however, our souls live on to face judgement
 - o Judgement: *particular judgement* according to the state of our soul; *general judgement* is when our bodies are reunited with our souls, whether in heaven or hell
 - o Hell: eternal separation from God. We choose hell by rejecting God's grace
 - o Heaven: eternal happiness and communion with God
- *Purgatory* is a time of purification for those who were not completely purified in this life
 - o But why purgatory if a valid confession cleanses our sins?
- <https://duckduckgo.com/?q=fr+mike+schmitz+purgatory&atb=v314-1&iax=videos&ia=videos&iai=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DGnWDDsN6ZfM>
- Be prepared! Our life's purpose is eternal happiness in heaven

Here is a great link for more quick snippets on typology (OT prefiguring the NT, NT fulfilling the OT) of the Eucharist as understood by many Church fathers in the early Church

https://small-bites-of-the-church-fathers.com/bwg_gallery/typology-eucharist/