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Video 1: The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace, Part 1
Due Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Answer three of the following questions.

1. The Holy Spirit makes sanctification possible. We know that we cannot get to Heaven on our own—we need help to get there. Justification is a very important concept to understand. What did justification, through an indwelling of the Holy Spirit, do for us?
2. How do we grow in our relationship with the Holy Spirit?
3. Let's say your friend says to you, "All you need to do is accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior to be saved. He did all the work for us." How would you respond?
4. At the end of the video, we were asked two essential questions: Will you develop a relationship with the Holy Spirit? Will you take time to ask the Spirit to guide and shape your daily life? Reflect now on your response.
5. The fruits of the Holy Spirit include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, and self-control. If you could choose one of these to be made manifest more in your life now, which one would you choose? Which one seems the easiest? Which one seems the hardest? Pray now that the Spirit will enter into your life and transform you with his fruits.

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Video 2: The Bible, Part 1
Due Tuesday, November 12
Answer three of the following questions.

1. Why is it true that “ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ”?
2. According to the video, what does it mean that Catholics don’t interpret the Bible in a literalistic way, but they do read the Bible literarily? What examples does the presenter give?
3. Let’s say a friend of yours, while speaking about a passage she was reading in the Bible, states, “It was like God was speaking directly to me—directly into a situation in my life—when I read the passage.” How is this possible?
4. Psalm 119:105 says, “Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light for my path.” What does this passage mean to me? Am I willing to read God’s Word in Scripture with an open heart and mind, expecting that God will give me insights for my life?
5. What can I do this week to make the reading of Scripture a greater part of my life? (Consider reading the Bible, perhaps starting with the Gospel of Luke as suggested in the video.)

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Video 3: Receive the Holy Spirit
Due Tuesday, November 19
Answer three of the following questions.

1. When do you feel the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in your life?
2. What are some of the ways that the Holy Spirit provides us an experience of God's presence?
3. Which of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit have you experienced most powerfully in your life? Which of the gifts would you ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen in your life?
4. Reflect on the following passage from the Letter to the Romans: *The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with sighs too deep for words. –Romans 8:26* How does the Holy Spirit inspire our prayer? How can we allow the Holy Spirit to help us pray?

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Video 4: Who Is Jesus? Part 1
Due Monday, January 14

Answer three of the following questions.

1. According to the video, what are three things Jesus did during his public ministry that point to his being truly God?
2. What do you think it means for Jesus, the Divine Son of God, to be truly and fully human? Can you imagine Jesus being tired, hungry, or angry? How does seeing Jesus as having all the same feelings and experiences you have (except for sin) change the way you tell him your needs and desires in prayer?
3. Dr. Sri explained to us the meaning of the painting of Jesus in the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian in Rome. How does that painting confront us with a decision we all have to make?
4. Prayerfully read the following quote from C.S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity*, which was mentioned in the video: "I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a

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lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” (C.S. Lewis was an Oxford professor and a famous 20th century defender of the Christian faith. He is also the author of *The Chronicles of Narnia*.) Now, prayerfully imagine Jesus standing before you and asking you the question he asked his Apostles: “Who do you say that I am?” How would you answer him?

5. Jesus tells us to “seek first his kingdom and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). What do you seek first in your life? Do you truly put Jesus first in your life? Or do you seek other things to fulfill you, and have God as just a part of your life?
6. Allowing Jesus to reign over our lives as Lord requires submitting our will to his. It means following his teachings, living the way he wants us to live, and trusting that he knows and desires what is best for us. Write down one or two areas in your life where the way you are living now could be more in line with Jesus’s teachings. What can you do this week to begin living more with Jesus as Lord of your life?

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Video 6: Why Do I Need the Church? Part 1
Due Tuesday, February 11

Answer three of the following questions.

1. The Church is unique among all institutions in the world, because it has both divine and human dimensions that come together in perfect unity. What are the three ways this unity of the Church is made manifest?

2. The Church has four characteristics or distinctive marks that sets her apart from all other Christian denominations. What are these “marks of the Church” and what do they mean?

3. Let’s say that your friend says to you that he (or she) is “spiritual” but not a “religious” person. What is the problem with that statement?

4. In the video, we heard that Jesus wants to have a personal relationship with us in his Church, but not a private, individualistic relationship. What are the differences between a personal relationship with God in his Church and an individualistic relationship with God?

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5. Reflect on the following quote: “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” —John 15:5–7 Jesus describes himself as the vine and we, united to him in the Church, are the branches. In what ways can you “remain” in Jesus? What comes to mind when you read Jesus’s promise that if we remain in him, we will bear much fruit? What kind of fruit would you like to bear in this life?

6. Even though most Americans claim to believe in God, more and more embrace the idea of being “spiritual” but not belonging to an organized religion or church. One of the fundamental reasons for this attitude, according to the presenters in the video, is that we don’t like the idea that there is something outside of ourselves with an objective standard that has the right to guide, inform, and correct our beliefs and behavior. Some people might want the benefits of being “spiritual,” but they don’t want the challenges that come with real growth and transformation. Are there ways that you keep the Church and her teachings at a distance because you don’t want to be challenged or have to change your life? What would you have to change or give up to fully embrace all the teachings of the Church? How might your life be different if you gave yourself over completely to Christ and his Church?

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**Video 7: Catholic Social Teaching:
Building a Civilization of Love
Due Tuesday, March 24**

Answer three of the following questions.



1. From the very beginning, the Church cared for the poor, the sick, and the abandoned. The Church created the education system and the health care system, and has fed, clothed, and housed more people than any other group or institution in history. How does this statement embody Catholic social teaching: "To know Jesus is to want to make him known"?
2. St. Katharine Drexel witnessed with her life that joy is found in what you give and not in what you have. Why do you think true joy is found in generosity and service?
3. How is "encounter" at the heart of social justice?
4. Reflect on the following quote from Saint Teresa of Calcutta: "We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked, and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty." In what ways does this statement speak to you?
5. What poverty do you see around you? Who do you know who is unwanted, unloved, or uncared for? How do you treat the members of your own family? Do you know someone who is going through a very difficult time in their lives?
6. What is one concrete action you can take this week to begin to meet the needs of those God has placed in your life?