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## On How to Use the Catechism

**Catch the vision.** A catechism is one of the things you will find at the intersection of God's glory and human curiosity. God is big, and we have questions. Catechisms are a way of answering our questions about God.

For hundreds of years, Christians all around the world have used catechisms. The Q&A format is a natural teaching method that makes learning interactive and easy, especially for children. Children have remarkable capacities for memorization. With a little effort on the part of parents and teachers, our kids can learn an entire catechism. That is to say, we can provide them with a mental structure for understanding God, the Bible, and what it means to be a Christian.

The Spirit, of course, must awaken our children to the beauty of these great truths. He must turn on the lights for them. And when he does, they will already have a theological house to live in. There is no need to wait until conversion to build the house. We can build now.

*The Kingdom Catechism* has several distinctives. (1) It's **simple**, comprised almost entirely of one-line questions and answers, designed to be spoken and memorized. The adult asks the questions, the child gives the answers. Supporting Scriptures are given for most questions but aren't intended to be memorized. (2) It's **Trinitarian**, highlighting the work of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. (3) It's focused on **the kingdom of God** as a unifying theme both of Scripture and of God's work in the world. (4) It's **new covenant** in its perspective, emphasizing the help of the Spirit in the life of the believer.

Our God is a great King, worthy of our joyful devotion. May he be pleased to use *The Kingdom Catechism* to reveal his glorious rule more clearly to us and to our children.

**Don't lose the forest for the trees.** As you work on memorizing the answer to a question, skim the questions before and after. Make sure you know which section the question is in (Part 1, Part 2, or Part 3), and try to identify how the question fits into the flow of the catechism.

**Take small bites.** Don't feel the need to bite off big chunks of the catechism. Memorize the answers slowly and systematically, focusing on one or two questions at a time. You have probably heard how elephants must be eaten.

**Review regularly.** Repetition is the best memory-builder. Incorporate a quick review of the questions in your family devotions; run through them at breakfast or dinner or bedtime; see how many questions you can review at a red light; consider letting your children ask you the questions, and you give the answers. Have fun reviewing together.

## Introduction

**Q1 What is your joy in life and in death?**

That I am not my own but belong to a great King.

**Q2 What must you know to enjoy his kingdom?**

I must know the glory of the King, the gospel of his Son, and the help of his Spirit.

## Part 1: The Glory of the King

**Q3 Who is the King?**

God.

“For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.” (Psalm 95:3)

**Q4 Why is God the King?**

Because he created all things.

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

**Q5 Why did God create all things?**

For his own glory.

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”  
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

**Q6 Did God create you?**

Yes. God created me in his image.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:27)

**Q7 How do you glorify God?**

By loving, trusting, and obeying him.

“Only be very careful . . . to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.”  
(Joshua 22:5)

“Without faith it is impossible to please him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

**Q8 Is there more than one true God?**

No. There is only one true God.

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.” (Deuteronomy 6:4)

“For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many ‘gods’ and many ‘lords’—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist.” (1 Corinthians 8:5-6)

**Q9 In how many persons does this one God exist?**

Three. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

“Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

“The Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” (Luke 3:22)

**Q10 Was there ever a time when God did not exist?**

No. God has no beginning or end.

“To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.” (1 Timothy 1:17)

**Q11 Does God know all things?**

Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

“Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God’? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.” (Isaiah 40:28)

**Q12 Can God do all things?**

Yes. God can do all his holy will.

“I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, ‘What have you done?’” (Daniel 4:34-35)

**Q13 Is God good toward all things?**

Yes. God is good in all his ways.

“The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.” (Psalm 145:9)

**Q14 Are you good in all your ways?**

No. Sin has corrupted every part of me.

"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."  
(Romans 3:10-12)

**Q15 What is sin?**

Sin is any failure to glorify God in thought, attitude, word, or deed.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

**Q16 How do you know your sin?**

The law of God tells me.

"For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." (Romans 3:20)

**Q17 What is the law of God as first given on tablets of stone?**

The Ten Commandments.

"And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments."  
(Exodus 34:28)

**Q18 What are the Ten Commandments?**

You shall not worship other gods, make idols, or take God's name in vain. Remember the Sabbath, and honor your father and mother. You shall not murder, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness, or covet.

**Q19 What are the Great Commandments?**

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

**Q20 Why are the commandments to love God and neighbor called the greatest?**

Because they summarize all that the law of God requires of me.

"On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:40)

**Q21 Can anyone keep God's law perfectly?**

No. We all sin against God and neighbor.

"For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it."  
(James 2:10)

**Q22 Did God create us as sinners?**

No. All that God created was good.

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.” (Genesis 1:31)

**Q23 Then where does our sinful nature come from?**

From the sin of Adam, our first parent, and our sin in him.

“Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.” (Romans 5:12)

**Q24 What does every sin deserve?**

The wrath and curse of God.

“Because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.” (Romans 2:5)

**Q25 What does it mean to be under the wrath and curse of God?**

We must die, and the world with us.

“The earth lies defiled under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt.” (Isaiah 24:5-6)

**Q26 Can we escape the judgment of God by doing good works?**

No. We must be punished for our sins.

“The soul who sins shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:20)

**Q27 Is there anyone who can save us from the judgment of God?**

A perfect substitute who dies in our place.

“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:4-6)

**Q28 Who is this perfect substitute?**

The second Adam, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

**Q29 How is the second Adam greater than the first?**

The first Adam brought sin and death, the second Adam brings righteousness and life.

“For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:17)

**Q30 How do you know this?**

The gospel tells me.

## Part 2: The Gospel of Jesus

**Q31 What is the gospel?**

The good news of the kingdom, revealed in Jesus.

“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom.” (Matthew 9:35)

**Q32 What is the work of God the Father in the gospel?**

The Father gave his only Son for our salvation.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

**Q33 Why would the Father choose to save sinners like us?**

Because he is “merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” (Exodus 34:6)

**Q34 How did the Son come into the world?**

He was conceived by the Spirit and born of a virgin.

“And Mary said to the angel, ‘How will this be, since I am a virgin?’ And the angel answered her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.’” (Luke 1:34-35)

**Q35 Did Jesus stop being God when he became a man?**

No. He was fully God and fully man.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” (John 1:1, 14)

**Q36 Did Jesus ever sin?**

No. He lived a sinless life.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

**Q37 What is the work of God the Son in the gospel?**

Jesus lived, died, and rose again to bring us into the kingdom.

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:13-14)

**Q38 Why did Jesus live?**

That his righteous life might be counted to us.

“For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.” (Romans 5:19)

**Q39 Why did Jesus die?**

To bear the punishment for our sins.

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.” (Galatians 3:13)

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)

**Q40 Why did Jesus rise from the dead?**

That we might have new life in him.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

**Q41 What is the work of God the Holy Spirit in the gospel?**

To unite us to Jesus.

“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” (1 John 5:11)

“For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:3)

**Q42 How does the Holy Spirit unite us to Jesus?**

He gives us a new heart and the gift of faith.

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you."  
(Ezekiel 36:26-27)

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all." (John 6:63)

**Q43 What does a new heart and the gift of faith enable us to do?**

To turn from our sins and trust in Jesus.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."  
(Mark 1:15)

"The Lord opened her heart to pay attention...." (Acts 16:14)

**Q44 What do we confess as we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus?**

Jesus is Lord.

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

**Q45 What does it mean that Jesus is Lord?**

He is King over all.

"The LORD says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'" (Psalm 110:1)

"On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords."  
(Revelation 19:11)

**Q46 What does it mean for Jesus to be *your* Lord?**

That I no longer live for my glory but for his.

"Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments."  
(Psalm 110:3)

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." (2 Peter 3:18)

**Q47 What is the blessing of being united to Jesus in life?**

I am adopted as a child of God.

“When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son . . . to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” (Galatians 4:4-5)

**Q48 What is the blessing of being united to Jesus when you die?**

My spirit is received by God into heaven.

“For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.” (1 Thessalonians 5:9-10)

**Q49 What is the blessing of being united to Jesus at the end of the age?**

My body will be raised for eternal life in the kingdom.

“He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.” (2 Corinthians 4:14)

“And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.” (1 Corinthians 6:14)

**Q50 Do you deserve these blessings?**

No. They come by grace alone.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**Q51 What is grace?**

Grace is God loving me in Jesus, even though I don't deserve it.

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.” (Ephesians 2:4-5)

**Q52 Do all people receive God's grace?**

No. Many people die in their sins.

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.” (Matthew 7:13)

**Q53 What happens to people who die in their sins?**

They are punished forever in hell.

“They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.” (2 Thessalonians 1:9)

**Q54 What does the punishment of hell teach us?**

That God is just, and our sin is awful.

“Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!” (Revelation 16:7)

**Q55 How does God feel about sending people to hell?**

“God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.” (Ezekiel 33:11)

**Q56 Who can be saved from sin and death and hell?**

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

**Q57 When is the end of the age?**

When Jesus comes again.

“Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.” (Revelation 1:7)

**Q58 Why are we eager for Jesus to come again?**

Evil will be defeated, the kingdom completed, and God will be all in all.

“Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet,” . . . that God may be all in all.” (1 Corinthians 15:24-28)

**Q59 What does the promise of Jesus’ return lead us to pray?**

“Come, Lord Jesus.” (Revelation 22:20)

## Part 3: The Help of the Holy Spirit

**Q60 What help are you given as you wait on Jesus to return?**

The Holy Spirit.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.” (John 14:16-17)

**Q61 How does the Holy Spirit help you?**

He gives me power to say no to sin and yes to righteousness.

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.” (Titus 2:11-12)

**Q62 Does it require effort to say no to sin and yes to righteousness?**

Yes. I must work out my salvation as the Spirit works in me.

“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:12-13)

**Q63 What is the essence of working out your salvation?**

Obedying God’s word.

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” (Philippians 2:12)

**Q64 What is the goal of the Spirit in helping you obey God’s word?**

To transform me into the image of Christ.

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)

**Q65 How do you know if you are being transformed?**

I am bearing the fruit of the Spirit.

“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.” (John 15:8)

**Q66 What is the fruit of the Spirit?**

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

**Q67 What does the Spirit use to grow his fruit in your life?**

The Bible, prayer, the church, and suffering.

**Q68 What is the Bible?**

The written word of God.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

**Q69 Can you trust the Bible?**

Yes. The Bible is truth without any mixture of error.

“Every word of God proves true.” (Proverbs 30:5)

**Q70 Can you live without the Bible?**

No. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

**Q71 What story does the Bible tell?**

The kingdom of this world becoming the kingdom of our Lord.

“Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.’” (Revelation 11:15)

**Q72 How is the story of the kingdom told?**

Through the covenants.

**Q73 What is a covenant?**

A relationship that God establishes with us and guarantees by his word.

“You are standing today all of you before the LORD your God . . . so that you may enter into the sworn covenant of the LORD your God, which the LORD your God is making with you today.” (Deuteronomy 29:10)

**Q74 What covenants tell the story of a promised kingdom?**

The covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Israel, and David.

ADAM—Genesis 2:15–3:24; Hosea 6:7

NOAH—Genesis 9:8-17

ABRAHAM—Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-21; 17:1-14

ISRAEL—Exodus 19:1-8; 20:1-21

DAVID—2 Samuel 7:4-17

**Q75 What covenant marks the arrival of God's kingdom?**

The new covenant in Christ.

"[Christ] is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant." (Hebrews 9:15)

**Q76 Can anyone know God apart from the new covenant in Christ?**

No. We can know God and understand his word only through Jesus.

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5)

"For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away." (2 Corinthians 3:14)

**Q77 What is prayer?**

Talking to God in the name of Jesus.

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:13)

**Q78 What kinds of things do we say to God when we pray?**

We praise him and give thanks, confess our sins, and make requests for ourselves and others.

**Q79 What prayer did Jesus give us to teach us how to pray?**

The Lord's Prayer.

**Q80 What is the Lord's Prayer?**

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." (Matthew 6:9-13)

**Q81 What is the church?**

God's new covenant people, committed to one another in worship and witness.

"Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:25-27)

**Q82 What two ordinances did Jesus give to set apart the church for himself?**

Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

**Q83 What is baptism?**

Immersion in water as a sign of our union with Christ.

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."  
(Romans 6:3-4)

**Q84 Into what name are we baptized?**

The name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

**Q85 Who should receive baptism?**

All who confess faith in Jesus as Lord.

"So those who received his word were baptized." (Acts 2:41)

**Q86 What is the Lord's Supper?**

The new covenant meal that reminds us of Christ's death.

"In the same way also [Jesus] took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'" (1 Corinthians 11:25)

**Q87 What do the bread and the cup symbolize?**

The body and blood of Jesus, given for us.

"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

**Q88 Who is welcome to take the Lord's Supper?**

All who are disciples of Jesus.

"So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat...." (1 Corinthians 11:33)

**Q89 What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?**

Believing the gospel, receiving baptism, and seeking to obey all that Christ commanded.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”  
(Matthew 28:19-20)

**Q90 What is the mission of the church?**

To make disciples of all nations.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

**Q91 How does the Spirit help us carry out our mission?**

He opens doors for the gospel, and makes us bold and clear.

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”  
(Acts 4:31)

“Pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.”  
(Colossians 4:3-4)

**Q92 How else does the Spirit work to grow the church?**

Through our serving one another and speaking the truth in love.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.”  
(1 Peter 4:10)

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15)

**Q93 What is suffering?**

Any hardship we face in body or soul.

**Q94 Why do Christians suffer?**

We suffer due to this fallen world and under the fatherly discipline of God.

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”  
(John 16:33)

“It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?” (Hebrews 12:7)

**Q95 Is suffering beyond the control of God?**

No. God rules over all things for the good of his children.

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

**Q96 What is God’s purpose in our suffering?**

“To make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.” (2 Corinthians 1:9)

**Q97 How are we to meet suffering?**

We count it all joy, knowing that the testing of our faith makes us mature.

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” (James 1:2-4)

**Q98 How does the Holy Spirit help us in our suffering?**

He prays for us and gives us power to press on.

“The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26-27)

## Conclusion

**Q99 What gives you hope as you persevere to the end?**

That the Lord has promised to bring me safely into his kingdom.

“The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.” (2 Timothy 4:18)

**Q100 What will you see when the kingdom comes?**

My eyes will behold the King in his beauty and see a land that stretches afar.

“Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty; they will see a land that stretches afar.” (Isaiah 33:17)