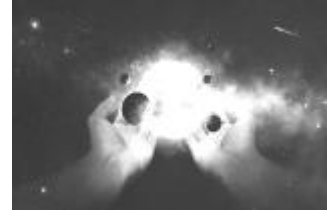


CREATION, THE FALL, SALVATION

CREATION

God created all living beings out of nothing. (Gen. 1:1) (CCC 338)



Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water."*

CCC 338 *"Nothing exists that does not owe its existence to God the Creator. The world began when God's word drew it out of nothingness: all existent beings, all of nature and all human history are rooted in the primordial event, the very genesis by which the world was constituted and time began."*

God created a first man and a first woman. He created us out of love for us so we could share complete joy with him. (Gen. 1:26-31) (CCC 374-379)

CCC 384 *From their friendship with God flowed the happiness of their existence in paradise.*

Humans were made in the image of God – we have a *spiritual principle* that seeks to know, love and serve God. (CCC 363, 357, 358)

Gen 1:27 *God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them...and indeed it was very good.*

God intended humans to live in perfect harmony with him and with his creation. (Gen. 1:28-31) (CCC 376, 377, 404)

- Freedom from suffering and death (CCC 376)
- Freedom from disordered desires (CCC 377)
- Bodily immortality (CCC 404)
- Sanctifying grace (CCC 376)

God endowed us with free will to choose this harmony or not.

THE FALL

Man sinned against God. “He wanted to be like God but without God, before God and in accordance with God.”
(CCC 398)

CCC 390 *The account of the fall in Genesis 3 uses figurative language, but affirms a primeval event, a deed that took place at the beginning of the history of man. Revelation gives us the certainty of faith that the whole of human history is marked by the original fault freely committed by our first parents.*



Human’s Original Sin shut us off from complete union with God (paradise). (Gen. 3:23) (CCC 400-409)

We are all born with the original sin on our souls. We have a tendency toward sin, we suffer, and we die. (CCC 416, 417) (Rom. 5:12, 14)

Rom 5:12 *Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.*

SALVATION

God ordained that only He could pay the price for our Sin.
(Gen.3:15) (Luke 24:44-47)

Gen 3:15 *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.*

Luke 24:44 *“Everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*



God became human, lived among us, and taught us about the kingdom of God. His name is Jesus.

Jesus suffered torture, ridicule and death on a cross as a payment for original sin.

After he died, he opened the gates of Heaven so humans who are true to his command could once again enter paradise – perfect joy with God.
(John 3:13, 14) (CCC 661)

To gain this perfect union with God, Jesus instructed that we believe in Jesus and his teachings, that we be baptized, and that we repent of our disobedience to him. (John 3:15,16) (1Peter 3:21) (Mark 1:15)

1 John 5:15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

God gives us all the help (grace) we need to do this. We just have to ask.
(John 14:13,14)

The salvation story will be complete when Jesus returns. (CCC680)
(Rev. 20,21,22) Rev. 22:3 *The ban will be lifted.*

