

2021 Spring Summer RCIA #4

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Part I: The Creed (Chapter 5)

The Creation and Fall of Man

- What Is Man?
- How Did God Make Us?
- What Is Original Sin?
- After Adam What?

The Creation and Fall of Man

- What is Man?
 - A marvelous physical body consisting of:
 - Skin
 - Bones
 - Organs
 - Systems

The Creation and Fall of Man (Cont)

- A spiritual body of unity of body and soul:
 - Created in the “image and likeness of God”
 - Possessing an **intellect** and **will**
 - Containing a **soul** that is:
 - Immortal
 - Animates or gives life to the body
 - Will separate from the body at death
 - Will be united with a resurrected body at the end of time
 - Can know and understand truth
 - Can make judgments
 - Can seek and find God

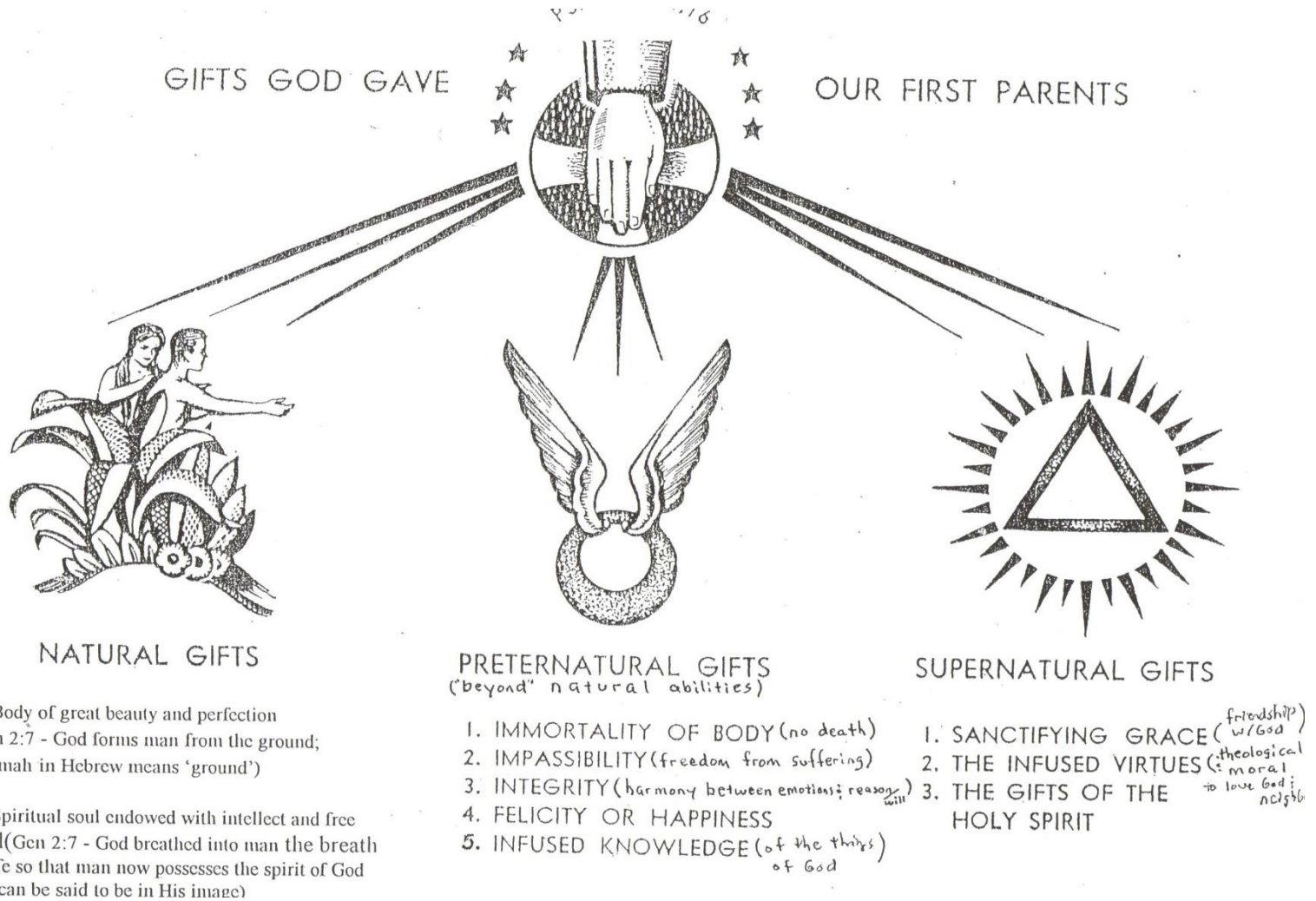
Scriptural Foundation

- The Law (Pentateuch, Torah) 1st 5 Books of the Bible
 - Genesis
 - Exodus
 - Leviticus
 - Numbers
 - Deuteronomy

The Creation and Fall of Man (Cont)

- How did God make us?
 - We all descended from one human pair (Adam and Eve)
 - They enjoyed the “**preternatural gifts**”
 - **Integrity** – harmony between the spirit and the flesh
 - **Bodily Immortality** – never intended to die
 - **Infused knowledge** – knowledge beyond what can be learned via the senses

God's Gifts to Mankind



The Creation and Fall of Man (Cont)

- After Adam, what?
 - The sin of Adam and Eve was a very big deal
 - None of the animal sacrifices prescribed in the Law given to Moses could overcome this act
 - Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden
 - God gave us His *Proto-evangelium* in *Gn 3:15 where he promised Eve's offspring would someday defeat the offspring of the serpent

The Creation and Fall of Man (Cont)

- What followed **original sin** was **personal sin**:
 - **Venial** – taints our relationship with God
 - **Mortal** – completely severs our relationship with God
 - Requires the Sacrament of Confession to restore
 - Will cause one to go to Hell if unrepented at death
 - Two kinds of contrition:
 - **Imperfect** – based on fear of Hell
 - **Perfect** – based on a genuine love for God

Part I: The Creed (Chapter 6)

Actual Sin

- Can My Soul Die?
- What Are The Roots of Sin?

Actual Sin

- Can the soul die?
 - No. The soul will live forever in eternity
 - But if one dies in the state of **mortal sin** it remains forever away from God and the purpose for which it was created
- How would you define sin?
 - Any willful **thought, desire, word** or **action** or **omission** forbidden by the law of God
 - Anything contrary to the will of God
- How many kinds of sin are there?
 - Three:
 - Original sin
 - Venial sin
 - Mortal sin

Actual Sin

- Original sin
 - Sin inherited from Adam and Eve denying one the Beatific Vision
- Mortal sin requires:
 - Serious matter
 - Knowledge that the act is wrong
 - Desire to commit the act anyway
- Mortal sin can be restored by going to confession
- Venial sins
 - Less serious sins which can be forgiven at Mass
 - After forgiveness they leave a residue called “**temporal punishment**”

Actual Sin

- What are the roots of sin?
 - Pride, temptation; a disregard for God
 - We need not feel guilt for temptation because for something to become a sin one must act either exteriorly or interiorly
 - We cannot turn a bad deed into a good act
 - Our culpability is based on knowledge and will

Actual Sin

- For an act to be **morally good** all of the following must be good:
 - **The object** – what the action brings about
 - **The intention** – end of the act
 - **The circumstances** – to what extent; to what degree
- The end **can not** justify the means!

Actual Sin

- The **seven capital** human weaknesses or **sins**:
 - **Pride** – inordinate seeking after one's own honor and excellence
 - **Covetousness** – immoderate desire for temporal goods
 - **Lust** – gross sin against chastity
 - **Anger** – disordered emotional state in which we seek revenge upon others
 - **Gluttony** – an intemperate love for food or drink
 - **Envy** – a sadness of mind when believing that another is better of than ourselves
 - **Sloth** – laziness or a surrender to one's dislikes for work or doing your duty

The Nicene Creed

Our belief in “God the Father” is expressed as:

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

Transition

- Next week we begin a look at the **2nd Person of the Blessed Trinity**
- Chapter 7 - The Incarnation
- Chapter 8 - The Redemption