

Chapter 5: There Is One God

We believe in the Blessed Trinity—one God in three Divine Persons.

Chapter Summary

God invites all people to know Him. He reveals Himself to us and then calls us to be courageous witnesses to His truth. God's communication of Himself is called Divine Revelation. Jesus Christ, the Word of God, fully and perfectly reveals God and His truth. We come to know Divine Revelation through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

The Church receives authority from God to teach Divine Revelation to the world. The fundamental truths of God's Revelation are found in the Creed, such as the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed. In the Creeds, we profess that God is a loving communion of Divine Persons, the Blessed Trinity. All other gods are false. Atheists do not believe in God. Some think we should believe only in what we can see, some think science can explain things without God, and some do not believe because of suffering in the world. God gives us faith and courage to witness that we believe He is real.



Living as a Faithful Family in an Unbelieving World

It takes great fortitude as parents not only to engage objections to the faith with our children but also to model for them how best to respond to the outside world's challenges of the faith. Here are three common objections to the faith, along with three responses your child learned in this chapter.

Objection 1: God does not exist because He is not visible or perceivable with our senses.

Response: It is common to believe in things that are not sensible or visible. We believe in love and the law of gravity even though we can see only their effects. We know God exists because we can see His effects (miracles, love, goodness, etc.).

Objection 2: We do not need God or the Church because science answers all the important questions we have.

Response: Science answers many important questions, but it cannot answer the most important questions, including "What is morally good and evil?" or "Why do I exist?"

Objection 3: God cannot exist because a good and loving God would not allow the suffering we all experience in this life.

Response: Evil and suffering are in the world as a result of sin. God is not the cause of evil and suffering, but He does allow evil and suffering to exist as a consequence of sin. Because God is all-good and all-powerful, He brings about a greater good whenever He allows evil or suffering to happen. For instance, think about the Crucifixion. God brought about the greatest good from that greatest evil.

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