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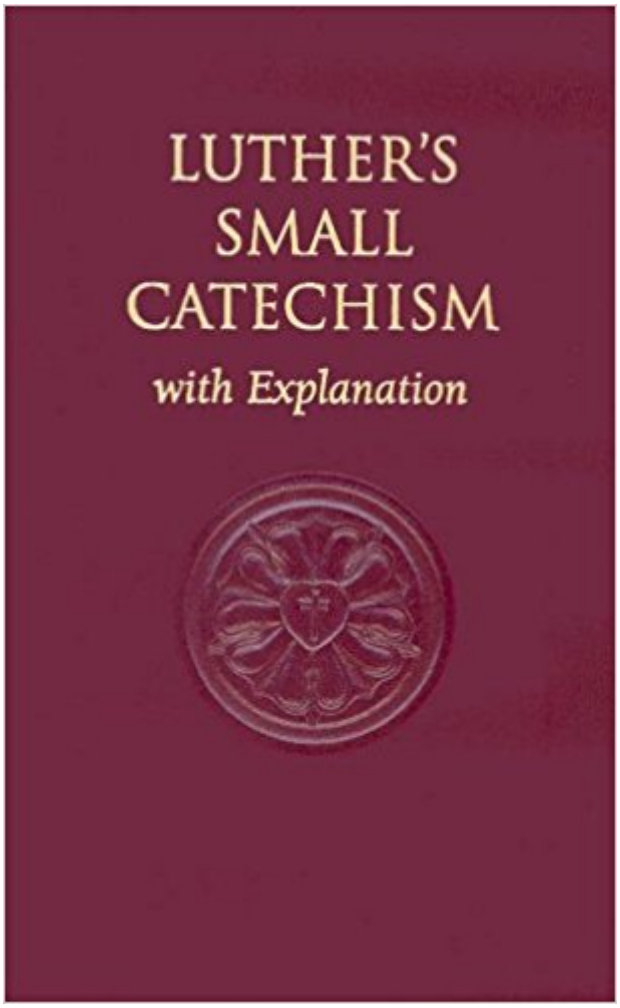

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Synopsis

This version of Luther’s Small Catechism features scripture references taken from the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible. Written by Martin Luther in 1529 in question and answer format, the Small Catechism explores the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar. Also included are daily prayers, a table of duties for Christians in their various callings in life, and a guide for Christians to use as they prepare to receive Holy Communion. Luther intended the catechism to be a prayer book for individuals and families and a powerful tool for the Christian life because it provides a brief, clear summary of God s Word on the essentials of the Christian faith. Additional reference material includes: books of the Bible; the creeds and confessions; an explanation of Luther’s seal; an explanation of the church year; fifty terms relating to worship and God’s House; a brief history of the time between the testaments; an outline of God’s salvation plan; and fifty Christian symbols and their meanings. The explanation contained in this text was not written by Martin Luther. An explanation designed to help students understand and apply Luther’s Small Catechism has accompanied editions of the Catechism since the early days of Lutheranism. The explanation is based upon and largely includes the work of Johann Konrad Dietrich, Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther, Heinrich Christian Schwan, and the committee that prepared the synodical catechism of 1943.

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Martin Luther (1483, 1546) was a German monk, a theologian and church reformer, he is considered to be the founder of Protestantism. Luther was a professor of Bible at the University of Wittenberg when he posted his famous 95 Theses (1517). In addition to writing many books, Luther translated the Bible into German. Luther believed that salvation was only by faith in Jesus, unmediated by the church. He challenged papal authority by emphasing the Bible as the only source of religious authority and believed the church to be a priesthood of all believers.These ideas helped to inspire the Protestant Reformation and changed the course of Western civilization. He married Katharina von Bora thus initiating the practice of clerical marriage within Protestantism.-Publisher.

Amazingly great even if not a Lutheran. Hey I’m into the teachings of the reformation, and this little book is outstanding. It makes a great devotional. Try reading ten pages a day every month. You’ll get through it once a month, then you can do it again and again and again.This thing is full of scripture. It fits Luther’s small catechism great.I’m not a Lutheran, and there are parts (few) that I just disagree with. Other than that, this is an awesome resource. Get it. Use it. Read it. Reuse, reread it.

Luther’s Small Catechism has helped me, as a Missouri Synod Lutheran, understand the faith. The explanations are simple to understand and where questions arise, you can expect a great theological discussion with your pastor to fill in the gaps. In other words, it’s great for conversation and reflection on the Christian faith.Also, there are some wonderful prayers in this book that can contribute to your prayer life.My Catholic friends like this catechism too, because Catholic catechisms seem to still be written for theological scholars, and ignore the typical Catholic who just wants to understand Christianity better.I owned this in hardcover already, but I wanted to read it with my daughter on the Kindle when I put her down each night. Good buy.

We were looking for the ESB text Catechism and when we looked at the "Look Inside" we saw that the ESV was used for other parts. The ISBN on the look inside was different from the NIV text version. Even a banner on the top of the page advertizes "Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation (ESV)" Kindle edition.When we got the book, it said NIV version on the outside. Not the

image on the page, but on the book we received.The ISBN listed under product details is for the NIV version. My bad. Next time I pay more attention to the product details.It is like the other version we have have on sight so we will still be able to use it and if we cannot find an ESV text version, we will use these instead.

Was like new. No markings. the message is the same as 500 years ago. The explanations contain biblical citations to support the various components of the small catechism. Great for any Christian family.

This Concordia publication has Luther's small catechism with 200 pages of scripture verses and explanations. This is an excellent study for anyone, young or old. I am in my forties and found this a great way to remind me of the clear truths of christianity. Luther's writings have a way of always bringing you back to the basics and the basics are always relevant to whatever you are going through in your life. It is only when you get away from clear doctrine that the gospel seems less than relevant to your daily life. The catechism is a great review of the truths of the christian faith.

If you want to read a great summary of Christian doctrine, this is the book. Very faithful translation of Martin Luther's original work. The updated English makes it an easier read for adults as well as students.

I have been a Christian for quite a few years. And I went through two years of confirmation classes as a teen. But over the last few years as I spent more time in God's Word, I found I had a lot of questions. I asked my pastor, but never got satisfactory answers. I recently joined a Lutheran (LCMS) church and read this book and the Book of Concord. I found both to be very helpful, but in particular, I enjoyed how the Small Catechism answered so many of the questions I had previously been unable to answer. All of the points are backed up with quotations from scripture (NIV translation) which I also liked. All in all, I highly recommend this book. I think it is appropriate for all Christians, not just Lutherans.

Had one of course in High School but could never find it. Bought new and will fill in the blanks asap!

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