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Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World
Chapter 1 *Searching for God*

Date _____

Directions: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

Introduction: The Pursuit of Happiness (Pages 3–5)

1. What conflict does every human being experience regarding the desire for happiness?
2. What are two examples of *ultimate questions*?
3. Why do you absolutely need God's Revelation to understand the truths of religion?
4. Explain what is known by salvific religion.

Section 1: Why People Desire God (Pages 6–8)

5. Why is it that God alone can fill your yearning for happiness?
6. What are four common reasons why atheists do not believe in God?
7. True or False? Atheism and theism in all their forms are a sin against the virtue of religion.

Section 2: Knowing God Through Natural Revelation (Pages 9–12)

8. What point did Johannes Kepler make to his friend about the existence of God through the use of senses and reason?
9. Explain the relation between Natural Revelation and reason in trying to understand God's existence.
10. What does it mean to call St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments for God's existence "proofs?"

Directions: Write the name of the correct proof next to each description below.

11. The material universe cannot explain free will.
12. There are different degrees of beauty, truth, justice and goodness in the world.
13. For the world to move forward there must have been a "First Mover."
14. Everyone has a deep sense that some behaviors are wrong such as thievery or terrorism.
15. It is statistically highly improbable that human life in the universe could have formed out of chance alone.
16. For anything to exist there must be an eternal being who always existed who brought all other beings into existence.
17. Everything that exists results from something or someone that came before it.
18. God gives you a taste of heaven here on earth.
19. What has every skeptical scientist been unable to prove?

Section 3: Knowing God Through Divine Revelation (Pages 14–18)

20. True or False? Although it is clear that left to yourself you can know that God exists, you cannot get a truth and complete picture of who God really is.
21. Why does God want to communicate his own divine life to you?
22. Explain how humans have attempted to describe the roles of the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity.
23. True or False? The Israelites were unique because unlike their neighbors who were monotheistic (meaning they worshipped multiple gods) the Israelites were polytheistic, or believed in one God.
24. Explain how John the Baptist paved the way for Jesus' own ministry.
25. Why did Jesus' followers call him "the Christ?"
26. True or False? After the Resurrection, Jesus' followers understood that Jesus is God.
27. True or False? There will be no further Revelation now that Jesus has suffered, died, risen from the dead, and ascended into heaven.

28. In what ways did the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles on Pentecost change them?

Section 4: Handing Down Divine Revelation (Pages 20–24)

29. What is the Church's Deposit of Faith? What is its source and goal?

30. How was Sacred Scripture passed on by the early Christians? Explain.

31. Fill in the blanks: Sacred Scripture recalls the events of Salvation History and the _____ God made with humanity. It includes both the _____ Testament—which includes _____ books and recalls the history of the Israelites—and the New Testament—which includes _____ books—that tell the story of God the Father's _____ action through his Son and the Holy Spirit's work through the early _____.

32. True or False? Sacred Scripture is a body of written literature that grows over time as times change.

33. What is the Church's responsibility according to *Dei Verbum*?

34. Explain the role of the bishops in preserving Sacred Tradition.

35. In short, what is the *Magisterium*?

36. Explain what means to call the bishops "stewards" of God's Revelation.

37. True or False? The People of God are called to listen to all that the bishops teach, especially dogmas.

Section 5: Faith: Your Response to Divine Revelation (Pages 25–27)

38. What does it mean to say that faith requires you to take a leap of sorts?

39. Fill in the blanks: Faith enables you to respond _____ to Divine Revelation and when you live a _____ life, you are on the path to eternal life. But God does not _____ you to have faith. It, like our _____, is God's gift. By responding _____ to Divine Revelation through Jesus Christ, you position yourself for happiness in this life and forever in _____.

40. What is the *sensus fidei*?