

THE  
LARGER CATECHISM

Q. 8. *Are there more Gods than one?*

A. There is but one only,<sup>1</sup> the living and true God.<sup>m</sup>

Q. 9. *How many persons are there in the Godhead?*

A. There be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;<sup>n</sup> and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished by their personal properties.<sup>o</sup>

<sup>1</sup> **Deut. 6:4.** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD. **1 Cor. 8:4, 6.** As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.... But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. **Isa. 45:21– 22.** Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. **Isa. 44:6.** Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

<sup>m</sup> **Jer. 10:10.** But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. **John 17:3.** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. **1 Thess. 1:9.** For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. **1 John 5:20.** And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

<sup>n</sup> **Matt. 3:16–17.** And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Matt. 28:19.** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of

the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **2 Cor. 13:14.** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

°. **John 1:1.** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **See also Gen. 1:1–3. John 17:5.** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. **John 10:30.** I and my Father are one. **Ps. 45:6.** Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. **See also Heb. 1:8–9. Acts 5:3–4.** But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.