

SESSION 4 THE STORY OF SALVATION

Following is a summary of the main points presented in the video.

- God, who is infinitely perfect and happy in himself, freely created man to make him share his own goodness and love (CCC 1).
- Originally, we were united with God (on the vertical level) and experienced harmony within the human family (on the horizontal level). Humanity was the united family of God reflecting the unity of God himself (CCC 376).
- Man and woman sinned, disobeying God and refusing to give themselves in love (CCC 397–398).
- This sin broke our relationship with God and broke the harmony between man and woman (CCC 396).
- This original sin also brought death into the world and wounded our human nature, leaving us with an inclination toward sin, called concupiscence (CCC 400, 404–405).
- God sent his Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins, offering on our behalf the perfect gift of love that restores us to the Father, and to send the Holy Spirit to fill us with his very life (CCC 457–460).
- Jesus established the universal “Catholic” Church to gather the broken family of man into the united family of God (CCC 830).
- The Catholic Church passes on the teachings of Christ and, through the sacraments, dispenses the graces he won for us on the cross to enable us to live like Christ on earth and with him forever in heaven (CCC 774–776, 849).