

**October 9th, 2022**

## **Schedule of Events:**

**This Week:** 9:30 AM Reading Service, Catechism Classes  
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service

Catechism classes start after the morning service. All are encouraged to attend. Today we'll receive books and lessons.

**Next Week:** 9:30 AM Reading Service, Catechism Classes  
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service

**Wednesday:** Confession of faith class

**Friday:** Youth activity at Rock Valley Gun Club. 6:30 PM for grades 9 and older.

-All the Lord willing-

## **Announcements:**

**Offerings: 1st offering:** General Fund

**2nd offering Today:** Living Bread

**2nd offering next week:** NAGM

## **Remember in Prayer:**

- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses. ("He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." Psalms 102:17)

## **Meditation:**

The Soul of Man:

Each human being has but one soul. There are three types of souls. There is *anima vegetativa*, which we wish to refer to as the soul of growth, whereby trees and herbs are said to exist. There is *anima sensitiva*, or the soul of sensitivity, whereby animals exist

and are sensitive to their environment. This, according to Scripture, is to be found in the blood of animals. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood" (Lev 17:11); "For the blood is the life" (Deut 12:23). There is *anima rationalis*, or the rational soul, which we have just described and referred to as rational since by its agency man reasons and makes decisions. Man grows, moves consciously from one locality to another, and reasons—not by virtue of a different soul for each activity, but due to the singular activity of the reasonable soul within man. Thus, man has neither three, nor two, but one soul. This is first of all confirmed by the Word of God which, in giving a detailed description of the constituent elements of man, states nowhere that man has two or three souls. This concept must therefore be rejected. Secondly, Scripture makes mention of only one human soul, such reference always being in the singular as is also true of the body. "... And man became a living soul" (Gen 2:7); "Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt 16:26); "... which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt 10:28); "... glorify God in your body, and in your spirit ..." (1 Cor 6:20). Man is only alive when the soul resides within the body. "Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him" (Acts 20:10).<sup>159</sup> When the soul is absent from the body, man is dead. "For as the body without the spirit is dead ..." (James 2:26). Thirdly, every animal exists independently by virtue of his soul and is thus an independent being. If man were also to have a sensitive soul apart from a rational soul, either the sensitive or the rational soul would constitute the personal entity, or, man would consist of two or three personal entities. The sensitive soul is not the constituent element of man's personhood, for man would then be animal-like. These two souls do not constitute a human being, for then man would not be one but two persons. Since man is but one person, he consequently has but one soul. Fourthly, if man were to possess two or three souls, this would likewise be true for Christ, "wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren" (Heb 2:17). Christ would thus not only have assumed the human nature, but also the nature of trees and animals, which is most absurd. While dead, Christ in His divine nature would then have been separated from the nature He assumed, while maintaining the singularity of His personhood, since these two souls are fully annihilated in death. Fifthly, if man had two or three souls, there would be no resurrection of this body from the dead, for the two souls are fully annihilated in death. Whatever has been fully annihilated cannot be restored *eodem numero*, that is, in its original form. Thus, in addition to the rational soul, a new soul would have to be created, which would then be glorified or damned without prior existence or commission of a deed.

to be continued.

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**Notes:**

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*O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name:  
Make known his deeds among the people.*

*Psalm 105:1*

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m