

God Offers Love and Mercy



CHAPTER 4 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 4**.

Because of Adam and Eve's disobedience, they lost the gift of sanctifying grace. Sin, suffering, and death entered the world, and all people are born with a tendency to sin. This condition is called Original Sin, which is taken away through Baptism.

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After the first sin, sin spread throughout the world. Only through Mary, new Eve, and her Son, Jesus, would a new creation be possible. By believing in Jesus Christ, we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit to overcome evil.

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The stories about the beginning of sin in the world are in the Book of Genesis.

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God gave Adam and Eve only one rule—they were not to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

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Cain and Abel were Adam and Eve's sons. Cain killed Abel after God accepted Abel's gift and rejected Cain's. The story shows the consequence of sin, because Cain is cursed with banishment by God.

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We suffer death, conflict, destruction, unhappiness, and separation from God because of sin.

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God called Noah to build an ark. Noah's family and the animals were saved from the flood. God made a covenant with Noah and with every living creature to never destroy the world by flood again.

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People built the Tower of Babel to make a name for themselves. God punished the people's pride by confusing their language. They couldn't live together and eventually moved to different parts of the earth.

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