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God Saves, Chapter 5: The Universal Call to Holiness

Study Guide

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. Enter the missing word or words for the fill-in-the-blank questions.

Introduction: *The Dignity of Being Human*

1. What is often behind the varying opinions of some people who argue that human life begins at a time other than conception?

2. True or False? Modern science makes it clear that human life begins at birth, confirmed even scientists not predisposed to religion.

3. What two truths can we state confidently about the origins of human life?
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4. True or False? The expression that “your eyes are a window into the soul” suggests that one can understand more about the inner spirit of a people by looking into their eyes.

5. True or False? Science tells us that the eyes communicate some of our deepest emotions.

6. A _____ study revealed that people with Down _____ are generally happier than the general public. However, sixty-seven percent of children _____ diagnosed with the disease in the United States are _____. But people with Down syndrome are _____ simply for who they are. As Karen Gaffney put it, “All lives are a _____ from God.”

7. True or False? The word euthanasia literally means “purposeful death.”

8. Similar to the attitude towards those with Down syndrome, society judges the old and _____ people by what they can _____, rather than who they _____. The Catholic Church argues that there is no _____ range of human dignity that depends on a person's physical or _____ state. Indeed, when society does not protect its _____ members, all human rights are severely _____.
9. True or False? Pope Francis amended the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 2017 asserting that the death penalty is sometimes necessary because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person.”
10. True or False? The unborn child has a soul, the same soul that will exist for all eternity whether or not he or she is born, dies naturally before birth, or is the victim of abortion.
11. Note the abilities human dignity allows us to do, according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.
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Section 1: *Essential Elements of Holiness*

12. God is _____ in the sense that he is all good and _____ from evil. The word “holiness” means “godliness” or “_____.” Given the gift of human _____, we are called to be like God, in other words, we are called to be _____. Our path to holiness begins at _____, and while the sacrament doesn't bring _____ holiness, we are first separated from evil at Baptism.

13. After reviewing the section, *How Holiness is the Perfection of Love*, circle *True* or *False* appropriately based on your reading.

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| 13a | True | False | St. Thérèse's parents, Louis Martin and St. Zélie Martin were canonized together with Thérèse in 2015 |
| 13b | True | False | Upon entering the Carmelite convent Thérèse had wished to become a missionary but, due to her poor health, was unable to do so |
| 13c | True | False | St. Thérèse's reputation for holiness was well known in Lisieux even before the publication of her autobiography. |
| 13d | True | False | St. Thérèse of Lisieux is also known as the "Little Blue Nun" because of her slight stature and deep blue habit |
| 13e | True | False | The "little way" of St Thérèse of Lisieux was a path to holiness that focused on the simple acts of kindness and love |
| 13f | True | False | St Thérèse was the first of nine children of the Martins, four of which died early in life |
| 13g | True | False | Thérèse's joyful disposition changed when her mother died. |

14. St. Thérèse attempted to look at life's everyday _____ as though Jesus was _____ and revealing himself to her. She accepted each little _____, discrimination, and scolding as a way to _____ in the suffering of Jesus. Her little way shows us that each _____ and, in each moment, we have the opportunity to _____ in holiness.

15. True or False? People, places, things, or events are holy only insofar as they related God who is all holy.

16. The _____ will always be holy because _____, along with the Father and Spirit, are holy and that holiness is stated in both the Nicene and Apostles' _____. The Church is Christ's Bride, and her members can _____ to building up the Church though the holiness of their _____. Conversely, the _____ of some Catholics can never diminish that holiness.

17. Briefly explain the two examples of how the holiness of St. Thérèse contributed to the unity and growth and development of Christ's Church.

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Section 2: Growing in Holiness through Christian Discipleship

- 18.** True or False? Jesus's first disciples—Peter, Andrew, James and John—were Roman tax collectors who left everything behind to follow Jesus.
- 19.** _____ invitation to these first followers might have seemed appealing when he promised to _____ their burdens. However, they would discover that the _____ of loving God, neighbor, and _____ would be difficult. Further, Jesus declared that "Whoever wishes to come after me must _____ himself, take up his _____ and follow me."
- 20.** True or False? The first disciples of Jesus would not have connected Jesus's use of the word "cross" with his impending crucifixion but rather with its connection with redemption.
- 21.** How did St. Augustine explain the "light yoke" that Jesus promised?
- 22.** St. Paul provides a way to a deeper interior encounter with Christ in his letter to the Ephesians. Write this passage below.
- 23.** The _____ life is really the life of the _____. It is here that we have the ability to encounter Christ and to build up a personal _____ with him. This is accomplished by _____ the Father as he taught, talking to him, listening to him, forming your _____, spending time with him, feeling _____ by him and expressing love for him in return.
- 24.** How is conscience defined by the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*?

25. Explain the concrete ways for us to grow in friendship with Jesus as suggested by St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Calcutta.

26. Participation in, and the grace of, the _____ can help us become more Christlike. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen stressed participation in the _____ in particular which he described in three _____. First, we _____ ourselves to Christ; second, we _____ with him; and third, we _____ new life. Frequent reception of the Eucharist is a _____ way for Catholics to grow in holiness.

27. God _____ to act in the sacraments. Their _____ does not come from our own personal holiness or the holiness of the _____. It comes from _____ himself as long as the priest _____ to do what the Church intends in the sacraments. However, the _____ to which we grow in faith and holiness depends on our _____.

28. Explain what is meant by sacramental grace.

Section 3: Witnessing to Your Holiness

29. Love is the greatest of the _____ virtues. However, many people today _____ the true meaning of love by claiming it is unbridled _____ passion. True love is _____ and has God as its source. The First Letter of John declares that whoever _____ in love remains in God and God in him. Two ways to do this is by loving _____ and those _____ than yourself.

30. The devotion to the _____ of Jesus began in 1670 when _____ appeared several times to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque. The Sacred Heart is a _____ of the divine love Christ _____ with the Father and the Spirit. Reflecting on his Sacred Heart, we see how his _____ love was infused with the _____ love in his soul and in his will.

- 31.** What is the purpose of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?
- 32.** True or False? Love is different from other relationships, including friendship, because it cannot exist if it is one-sided.
- 33.** True or False? To be holy means to separate yourself from evil and to separate yourself from people who are different than you.
- 34.** Briefly explain what Fr. Thomas Merton realized in the mystical experience he had in downtown Louisville, Kentucky.
- 35.** The _____ of our life all come from God and are not meant to be _____. A steward is a person who takes _____ of something as his or her own, when ultimately it _____ to someone else. _____ is an act of love that helps us keep our _____ to discipleship from returning to _____. Jesus illustrated this in the parable of the _____.
- 36.** Sustaining a _____ with Jesus through prayer can help us to remain a good stewards. _____ involves first _____ God's gift of love and then _____ his love with others; sharing the Good News of God's _____ gift of his Son. _____ is a helpful term to understand stewardship: we are stewards of all the _____ we have been given in his life.

Section 4: *The Call to Evangelization* (pages 00–00)

- 37.** Like the first _____ of Jesus, it is now the _____ of all Christians to continue what he began, making more disciples through _____. This includes Catholics who may have left the _____ or stopped believing in God altogether. It includes _____ who identify themselves as “religious _____” who are atheist, agnostic, or nothing in particular.
- 38.** The first step of evangelization is an inner conversion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Explain.

39. Pope _____ said that our personal holiness is the _____ to evangelization. When we believe in the power of Christ and the _____, we live differently in this life while awaiting the _____ of eternal life. This means reading and studying the _____ on a regular basis. It also means being _____ in the Catholic faith in order to answer _____ questions.

40. True or False? The information about St. Francis of Assisi emphasizes this point about evangelizing others: we may very well preach louder with our words than with our actions.

41. There are concrete ways we can evangelize by our actions? List these below.

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