**Catholic Faith Review #5: The Bible and Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

**Key people of the Bible**

* **God**: The Supreme Being, infinitely perfect, all loving, who made all things
* **Jesus**: Our Lord and Savior, True God and True Man, founder of the Catholic Church
* **Holy Spirit**: The Paraclete, the giver of Life, the Advocate, the giver of Grace, inspired the human authors of the Bible (principle author of the Scriptures)
* **Holy Trinity**: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in Three Divine Persons
* **The Holy Family**: Jesus, Mary, Joseph
* **Angel Gabriel:** Announced the incarnation of Jesus and the conception of John
* **Mary**: Conceived without original sin in the womb of her mother. Mother of Jesus
* **Joseph**: The husband of Mary and guardian and foster father of Jesus
* **Joachim & Ann**: Mary’s parents, Jesus’ grandparents
* **Elizabeth**: Mary’s cousin and John’s mother
* **Zachariah:** Doubted the angel, Gabriel, husband of Elizabeth, father of John
* **John the Baptist**: Jesus’ cousin, and the one who announced the coming of Jesus
* **Adam & Eve:** Our first parents who disobeyed God and lost the gift of grace
* **Abraham**: The first person to believe in one God
* **Moses**: Received the 10 commandments from God
* **Apostles**: Peter, Andrew, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the lessor, Jude, Simon, James the greater, Matthias (replaced Judas)
* **Gospel Authors**: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
* **Paul**: Former persecutor of the Church, became the Apostle to the Gentiles

**Bible Parts**

* **Old Testament**: A collection of the sacred writings of the Jewish people
* **New Testament**: The books that teach about Jesus and the Apostles
* **Gospels**: Jesus’ Life and teachings
* **Epistles:** Letters written by the Apostles
* **Acts of the Apostles**: Describes the Church’s early missionary work

**The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit** (weapons for soldiers of Christ: *milites Christi*)

*Gifts of the intellect: help us to know God*

**Wisdom:** Allows us to judge correctly the things of God, to **prioritize** & make good decisions

**Knowledge:** Lets us see **God’s hand in everything** & recognize how much **He loves us**

**Understanding:** Gives insight into the mysteries of faith so we can know **how to live** by them

**Counsel:** Guides us in practical matter and helps us to **choose rightly** between good and evil

*Gifts of the will: help us to love God the way we should*

**Piety:** Gives us special love and **devotion** for sacred things, helps us to **pray** & become **holy**

**Fortitude:** Christ-like **courage** to stand up for what is right and witness for the faith

**Fear of the Lord:** great **awe and wonder** for God which keeps us from offending Him