



# WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

*But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect*

1 Peter 3:15



THIS BOOK  
BELONGS TO

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*My son, if you receive my words and treasure up  
my commandments with you, making your ear  
attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to  
understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and  
raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it  
like silver and search for it as for hidden  
treasures, then you will understand the fear of the  
Lord and find the Knowledge of God.  
Proverbs 2:2-5*

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## TO THE STUDENT

Dear Student,

We are excited to see you take this important step in growing in the faith. As you encounter the world, you will need to know why you believe what you believe. This course is designed to pair doctrinal truths with holy scripture. Training your mind according to God's word will allow you to take captive every thought that the world, the flesh, and the devil would seek to distract or deceive you with. Our hope is that it will help better equip you for advancing God's kingdom.

May the Lord bless you in your studies, that His truth will not only dwell in your mind, but will reside inside your heart forever.

With the love of Christ,  
Your Elders at Central Valley Presbyterian Church

## TO THE PARENTS

Dear Parents,

It is our joy, privilege and responsibility to raise our covenant children in the love and counsel of our Lord. A great part of their discipleship comes through teaching them accurately about God. This catechism ministry is designed to be a tool in helping you teach your child important doctrines of the Bible and where to find support for those in scripture. It is our aim that our children not only know what they believe, but why they believe it.

The world increasingly challenges our faith. Our desire with this ministry is that your child would be “always prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” Whereas much of the modern Church has fallen short of this goal, teaching our children to be rooted deeply in Christ and sound doctrine is of the greatest importance.

By the grace of Christ Jesus our Lord, may we work together in this incredible task of raising up a generation that will serve God in the boldness of his truth and love.

Co-laboring with you in Christ,  
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# COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

The Westminster Shorter Catechism was developed to educate children and those new in the faith on sound biblical doctrine. We have taken the questions and answers from the original, but have provided the supporting verses in ESV.

The first pass requires that the student learn and put to memory each of the answers to each of the questions in the catechism.

The second pass builds upon the first, committing to memory each of the questions, answers and supporting scripture verses.

Parents are encouraged to integrate the catechism into their children's home school curriculum or family devotional time. Once the student has proven a section or division of the catechism to memory with their parents, the child then reviews them with a designated reader of the catechism ministry. Please contact an elder or deacon for current available readers.

After having all sections reviewed and signed off by parents and readers, a final test will be given to the child for the entire catechism.

# SHORTER CATECHISM WITH SCRIPTURE PROOFS

(ESV Edition)

## 1. **QUESTION: What is the chief end of man?**

ANSWER: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

Prove it!

Psalm 16:11 "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

## 2. **QUESTION: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him?**

ANSWER: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

Prove it!

Psalm 119:9 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word."

## 3. **QUESTION: What do the Scriptures principally teach?**

ANSWER: The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Prove it!

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

## 4. **QUESTION: What is God?**

ANSWER: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Prove it!

John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

**5. QUESTION: Are there more Gods than one?**

ANSWER: There is only one God, the living and true God.

Prove it!

Isaiah 44:6 “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.’”

**6. QUESTION: How many persons are there in the Godhead?**

ANSWER: There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Prove it!

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

**7. QUESTION: What are the decrees of God?**

ANSWER: The decrees of God are, His eternal purpose, according to the counsel of His will, whereby, for His own glory, He has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Prove it!

Ephesians 1:11-12 “In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.”

**8. QUESTION: How does God execute His decrees?**

ANSWER: God executes His decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Prove it!

Daniel 4:35 “All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “‘What have you done?’”

**9. QUESTION: What is the work of creation?**

ANSWER: The work of creation is, God’s making all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Prove it!

Genesis 1:31 “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”

**10. QUESTION: How did God create man?**

ANSWER: God created man male and female, after His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Prove it!

Genesis 2:7,22 “Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature...And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.”

**QUESTIONS 1-10 REVIEW**

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**11. QUESTION: What are God’s works of providence?**

ANSWER: God’s works of providence are, His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures, and all their actions.

Prove it!

Nehemiah 9:6 “You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.”

**12. QUESTION: What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created?**

ANSWER: When God created man, He entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

Prove it!

Genesis 2:16-17 “And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’”

**13. QUESTION: Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?**

ANSWER: Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Prove it!

Genesis 3:17-19 “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

**14. QUESTION: What is sin?**

ANSWER: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Prove it!

1 John 3:4 “Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.”

**15. QUESTION: What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?**

ANSWER: The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Prove it!

Genesis 3:6 “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

**16. QUESTION: Did all mankind fall in Adam’s first transgression?**

ANSWER: The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Prove it!

Romans 5:19 “For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.”

**17. QUESTION: Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?**

ANSWER: The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Prove it!

Ephesians 2:3 “Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”

**18. QUESTION: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?**

ANSWER: The sinfulness of that estate into which man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam’s first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

Prove it!

Psalm 51:5 “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.”

**19. QUESTION: What is the misery of that estate into which man fell?**

ANSWER: All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under His wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of Hell forever.

Prove it!

Ephesians 2:12 “Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”

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**20. QUESTION: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?**

ANSWER: God, having out of His mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Prove it!

Ephesians 1:4-5 “Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,”

**21. QUESTION: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?**

ANSWER: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Prove it!

1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”

**22. QUESTION: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?**

ANSWER: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to Himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Prove it!

Matthew 1:18 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.”

**23. QUESTION: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?**

ANSWER: Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Prove it!

Revelation 1:5 “And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood”

**24. QUESTION: How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?**

ANSWER: Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Prove it!

Acts 3:22 “Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.’”

**25. QUESTION: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?**

ANSWER: Christ executes the office of a priest, in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Prove it!

Romans 8:34 “Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”

**26. QUESTION: How does Christ execute the office of a king?**

ANSWER: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

Prove it!

1 Corinthians 15:25 “For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.”

**27. QUESTION: Wherein did Christ’s humiliation consist?**

ANSWER: Christ’s humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Prove it!

Philippians 2:8 “And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

**28. QUESTION: Wherein consists Christ’s exaltation?**

ANSWER: Christ’s exaltation consists in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Prove it!

1 Corinthians 15:4 “That he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,”

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**29. QUESTION: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?**

ANSWER: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit.

Prove it!

Titus 3:4-7 “But when the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

**30. QUESTION: How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?**

ANSWER: The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Prove it!

2 Timothy 1:9 “Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,”

**31. QUESTION: What is effectual calling?**

ANSWER: Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, He persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Prove it!

John 6:44 “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.”

**32. QUESTION: What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?**

ANSWER: They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

Prove it!

1 Corinthians 1:30 “And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,”

**33. QUESTION: What is justification?**

ANSWER: Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Prove it!

2 Corinthians 5:21 "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

**34. QUESTION: What is adoption?**

ANSWER: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

Prove it!

1 John 3:1 "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him."

**35. QUESTION: What is sanctification?**

ANSWER: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Prove it!

1 Thessalonians 5:23 "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**36. QUESTION: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?**

ANSWER: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Prove it!

Philippians 1:6 "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

**37. QUESTION: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?**

ANSWER: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united in Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

Prove it!

2 Corinthians 5:8 “Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

**38. QUESTION: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?**

ANSWER: At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Prove it!

1 John 3:2 “Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”

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**39. QUESTION: What is the duty which God requires of man?**

ANSWER: The duty which God requires of man is obedience to His revealed will.

Prove it!

Micah 6:8 “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

**40. QUESTION: What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?**

ANSWER: The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

Prove it!

Romans 7:12 “So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.”

**41. QUESTION: Wherein is the moral law summarily comprehended?**

ANSWER: The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

Prove it!

Deuteronomy 4:13 “And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments, and he wrote them on two tablets of stone.”

**42. QUESTION: What is the sum of the ten commandments?**

ANSWER: The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Prove it!

Matthew 22:37-40 “And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’”

**43. QUESTION: What is the preface to the ten commandments?**

ANSWER: The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

Prove it!

*Exodus 20:2 is quoted in the answer above*

**44. QUESTION: What does the preface to the ten commandments teach us?**

ANSWER: The preface to the ten commandments teaches us that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, we therefore are bound to keep all of His commandments.

Prove it!

Luke 1:74-75 “That we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.”

**45. QUESTION: Which is the first commandment?**

ANSWER: The first commandment is, “You shall have no other gods before me.”

Prove it!

*Exodus 20:3 is quoted in the answer above*

**46. QUESTION: What is required in the first commandment?**

ANSWER: The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.

Prove it!

Matthew 4:10 “Then Jesus said to him, ‘Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.””

**47. QUESTION: What is forbidden in the first commandment?**

ANSWER: The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to Him alone.

Prove it!

Psalm 14:1 “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.”

**48. QUESTION: What are we specially taught by the words *before me* in the first commandment?**

ANSWER: These words *before me* in the first commandment teach us, that God, who sees all things, takes notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.

Prove it!

Psalm 44:20-21 “If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God discover this? For he knows the secrets of the heart.”

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### 49. QUESTION: Which is the second commandment?

ANSWER: The second commandment is, “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

Prove it!

*Exodus 20:4-6 is quoted in the answer above*

### 50. QUESTION: What is required in the second commandment?

ANSWER: The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in His Word.

Prove it!

Deuteronomy 12:32 “Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.”

### 51. QUESTION: What is forbidden in the second commandment?

ANSWER: The second commandment forbids the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in His Word.

Prove it!

Romans 1:22-23 “Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.”

**52. QUESTION: What are the reasons attached to the second commandment?**

ANSWER: The reasons attached to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, His propriety in us, and the zeal He has to His own worship.

Prove it!

Exodus 34:14 "For you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God."

**53. QUESTION: Which is the third commandment?**

ANSWER: The third commandment is, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

Prove It!

*Exodus 20:7 is quoted in the answer above*

**54. QUESTION: What is required in the third commandment?**

ANSWER: The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

Prove it!

Psalms 29:2 "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness."

**55. QUESTION: What is forbidden in the third commandment?**

ANSWER: The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God makes Himself known.

Prove it!

Leviticus 19:12 "You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord."

**56. QUESTION: What is the reason attached to the third commandment?**

ANSWER: The reason attached to the third commandment is, that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape His righteous judgment.

Prove it!

1 Samuel 3:13 “And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.”

**57. QUESTION: Which is the fourth commandment?**

ANSWER: The fourth commandment is, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

Prove It!

*Exodus 20:8-11 is quoted in the answer above*

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**58. QUESTION: What is required in the fourth commandment?**

ANSWER: The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as He has appointed in His Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to Himself.

Prove It!

Deuteronomy 5:12 “Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you.”

**59. QUESTION: Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?**

ANSWER: From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

Prove It!

Acts 20:7 “On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.”

**60. QUESTION: How is the sabbath to be sanctified?**

ANSWER: The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God’s worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

Prove it!

Leviticus 23:3 “Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the Lord in all your dwelling places.”

**61. QUESTION: What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?**

ANSWER: The fourth commandment forbids the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

Prove it!

Isaiah 58:13-14 “If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

**62. QUESTION: What are the reasons attached to the fourth commandment?**

ANSWER: The reasons attached to the fourth commandment are, God’s allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, His challenging a special propriety in the seventh, His own example, and His blessing the sabbath day.

Prove it!

Exodus 31:17 “It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.”

**63. QUESTION: Which is the fifth commandment?**

ANSWER: The fifth commandment is, “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

Prove It!

*Exodus 20:12 is quoted in the answer above*

**64. QUESTION: What is required in the fifth commandment?**

ANSWER: The fifth commandment requires preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

Prove it!

1 Peter 2:17 “Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.”

**65. QUESTION: What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?**

ANSWER: The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongs to everyone in their several places and relations.

Prove it!

Romans 13:8 “Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”

**66. QUESTION: What is the reason attached to the fifth commandment?**

ANSWER: The reason attached to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (so far as it shall serve for God’s glory and their own good) to all those who keep this commandment.

Prove it!

Ephesians 6:2-3 “Honor your father and mother (this is the first commandment with a promise), that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

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**67. QUESTION: Which is the sixth commandment?**

ANSWER: The sixth commandment is, “You shall not murder.”

Prove It!

*Exodus 20:13 is quoted in the answer above*

**68. QUESTION: What is required in the sixth commandment?**

ANSWER: The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life and the life of others.

Prove It!

Psalm 82:3-4 “Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

**69. QUESTION: What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?**

ANSWER: The sixth commandment forbids us to take our own life or to take unjustly the life of our neighbor, or anything tending to these ends.

Prove it!

1 John 3:15 “Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”

**70. QUESTION: Which is the seventh commandment?**

ANSWER: The seventh commandment is, “You shall not commit adultery.”

Prove It!

*Exodus 20:14 is quoted in the answer above*

**71. QUESTION: What is required in the seventh commandment?**

ANSWER: The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor’s chastity in heart, speech, and behavior.

Prove It!

Ephesians 5:3-4 “But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.”

**72. QUESTION: What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?**

ANSWER: The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

Prove it!

Matthew 5:28 “But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

**73. QUESTION: Which is the eighth commandment?**

ANSWER: The eighth commandment is, “You shall not steal.”

Prove it!

*Exodus 20:20:15 is quoted in the answer above*

**74. QUESTION: What is required in the eighth commandment?**

ANSWER: The eighth commandment requires the lawful procuring and furthering of the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Prove It!

Ephesians 4:28 “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

**75. QUESTION: What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?**

ANSWER: The eighth commandment forbids whatsoever does, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor’s wealth or outward estate.

Prove it!

Ephesians 4:28 “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

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**76. QUESTION: Which is the ninth commandment?**

ANSWER: The ninth commandment is, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Prove It!

*Exodus 20:16 is quoted in the answer above*

**77. QUESTION: What is required in the ninth commandment?**

ANSWER: The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor’s good name, especially in witness-bearing.

Prove It!

Proverbs 12:22 “Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight.”

**78. QUESTION: What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?**

ANSWER: The ninth commandment forbids whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbor’s, good name.

Prove it!

Leviticus 19:16 “You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.”

**79. QUESTION: Which is the tenth commandment?**

ANSWER: The tenth commandment is, “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

Prove It!

*Exodus 20:17 is quoted in the answer above*

**80. QUESTION: What is required in the tenth commandment?**

ANSWER: The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Prove It!

Hebrews 13:5 “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

**81. QUESTION: What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?**

ANSWER: The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

Prove it!

Galatians 5:26 “Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”

**82. QUESTION: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?**

ANSWER: No mere man, since the Fall, is able to keep the commandments of God perfectly in this life, but breaks them daily in thought, word, and deed.

Prove It!

Ecclesiastes 7:20 “Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.”

**83. QUESTION: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?**

ANSWER: Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

Prove it!

John 19:11 “Jesus answered him, ‘You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.’”

**84. QUESTION: What does every sin deserve?**

ANSWER: Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Prove It!

Galatians 3:10 "For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.'"

**85. QUESTION: What does God require of us, that we may escape His wrath and curse, due to us for sin?**

ANSWER: To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Prove It!

Mark 1:15 "And saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'"

**86. QUESTION: What is faith in Jesus Christ?**

ANSWER: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel.

Prove It!

John 1:12 "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,"

**87. QUESTION: What is repentance unto life?**

ANSWER: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Prove It!

Joel 2:13 "'And rend your hearts and not your garments.' Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster."

## QUESTIONS 76-87 REVIEW

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**88. QUESTION: What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?**

ANSWER: The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, His ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Prove it!

Matthew 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.””

**89. QUESTION: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?**

ANSWER: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

Prove it!

Acts 20:32 “And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

**90. QUESTION: How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?**

ANSWER: That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend to it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

Prove it!

Psalms 119:11 “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

**91. QUESTION: How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?**

ANSWER: The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that administers them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of His Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

Prove it!

1 Corinthians 3:7 “So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”

**92. QUESTION: What is a sacrament?**

ANSWER: A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Prove it!

Galatians 3:27 “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

**93. QUESTION: Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?**

ANSWER: The sacraments of the New Testament are baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

Prove It!

Matthew 28:18-19 “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

1 Corinthians 11:23,26 “For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread...For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

**94. QUESTION: What is baptism?**

ANSWER: Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, does signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.

Prove It!

Romans 6:3 “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?”

**95. QUESTION: To whom is Baptism to be administered?**

ANSWER: Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ and obedience to Him; but the infants of members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Prove It!

Acts 2:39 “For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

**96. QUESTION: What is the Lord’s Supper?**

ANSWER: The Lord’s Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ’s appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Prove It!

Luke 22:19-20 “And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

**97. QUESTION: What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord’s Supper?**

ANSWER: It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord’s Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord’s body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

Prove It!

1 Corinthians 11:29 “For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.”

**98. QUESTION: What is prayer?**

ANSWER: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.

Prove It!

Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

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**99. QUESTION: What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?**

ANSWER: The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught His disciples, commonly called the Lord’s Prayer.

Prove It!

Matthew 6:9-13 “Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’”

**100.QUESTION: What does the preface of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?**

ANSWER: The preface of the Lord’s Prayer, which is, *Our Father in heaven*, teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

Prove it!

Ephesians 6:18 “Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints”

**101.QUESTION: What do we pray for in the first petition?**

ANSWER: In the first petition, which is, *Hallowed be your name*, we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify Him in all that whereby He makes Himself known; and that He would dispose all things to His own glory.

Prove It!

Psalm 67:3 “Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!”

**102.QUESTION: What do we pray for in the second petition?**

ANSWER: In the second petition, which is, *Your kingdom come*, we pray that Satan’s kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Prove It!

2 Thessalonians 3:1 “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,”

**103.QUESTION: What do we pray for in the third petition?**

ANSWER: In the third petition, which is, *Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven*, we pray that God, by His grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to His will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

Prove It!

Psalm 103:20,22 “Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word...Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!”

**104.QUESTION: What do we pray for in the fourth petition?**

ANSWER: In the fourth petition, which is, *Give us this day our daily bread*, we pray that of God’s free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy His blessing with them.

Prove It!

Proverbs 30:8 “Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me,”

**105.QUESTION: What do we pray for in the fifth petition?**

ANSWER: In the fifth petition, which is, *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*, we pray that God, for Christ’s sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are encouraged to ask, because by His grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

Prove It!

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Matthew 6:14 “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,”

**106.QUESTION: What do we pray for in the sixth petition?**

ANSWER: In the sixth petition, which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Prove It!

Psalm 19:13 “Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.”

**107.QUESTION: What does the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?**

ANSWER: The conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer, which is, *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen*, teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise Him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to Him; and, in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.

Prove it!

1 Timothy 1:17 “To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

**SECTION 12 REVIEW**

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