

		Westminster Shorter Catechism 20-38	scripture:Colossians 2:6-10
Week 1	6/6/2010	<p><b>20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?</b>                      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.</p> <p><b>21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?</b>                      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 continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.</p> <p><b>22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?</b>                      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.</p> <p><b>24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?</b>                      Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.</p> <p><b>25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?</b>                      Christ executeth 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.</p> <p><b>26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?</b>                      Christ executeth 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.</p> <p><b>27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?</b>                      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.</p> <p><b>28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?</b>                      Christ's exaltation consisteth 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.</p> <p><b>29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?</b>                      We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.[83]</p> <p><b>30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?</b>                      The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.</p> <p><b>31. What is effectual calling?</b>                      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 doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.</p> <p><b>32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?</b>                      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.</p> <p><b>33. What is justification?</b>                      Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.</p> <p><b>34. What is adoption?</b>                      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.</p> <p><b>35. What is sanctification?</b>                      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.</p> <p><b>36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?</b>                      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.</p> <p><b>37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?</b>                      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.</p> <p><b>38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?</b>                      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.</p>	<p>6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,</p> <p>7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.</p> <p>8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.</p> <p>9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;</p> <p>10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.</p>
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