

		Westminster Shorter Catechism 20-38	scripture: James 2 : 1-12
Week 1	6/1/2024	<p>20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery? 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>1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. ☆</p>
Week 2	6/8	<p>21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? 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>2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, ☆</p>
Week 3	6/15	<p>22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man? 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>3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool,"</p>
Week 4	6/22	<p>24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet? 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>4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?</p>
Week 5	6/29	<p>25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest? 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>5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? ☆</p>
Week 6	7/6	<p>26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king? 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>6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? ☆</p>
Week 7	7/13	<p>27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist? 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>7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?</p>
Week 8	7/19	<p>28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation? 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>8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; ☆</p>
Week 9	7/26	<p>29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ? 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>9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ☆</p>
Week 10	8/3	<p>30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? 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>10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.</p>
Week 11	8/10	<p>31. What is effectual calling? 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>11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ☆</p>
Week 12	8/17	<p>32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life? 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>12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. ☆</p>
Week 13	8/24	<p>33. What is justification? 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>13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.</p>