

# **Our Goals for 2022**

- ① To GROW in a deeper relationship with God.
- 2 To GLORIFY God in everything we do.
- 3 To PURSUE holiness.
- 4 To BE CHURCH as God designed His Church to be.
- ⑤ To HEAR God preach His glorious Gospel to us.
- ★ To say to one another, "Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ."

# **Disciple Growing Catechism**

#### 1. What is the chief end of man?

ANSWER: The chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever.

REFERENCES: 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Psalm 73:25-26

# 2. What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify Him?

ANSWER: The Word of God is the only rule to direct us how to glorify God and enjoy Him.

REFERENCES: Ephesians 2:20; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 John 1:3

# 3. 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.

REFERENCES: 2 Timothy 1:13; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

#### 4. What is God?

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

REFERENCES: John 4:24; Job 11:7; Psalm 90:2; 1 Timothy 1:17; James 1:17; Exodus 3:14; Psalm 147:5; Revelation 4:8; Exodus 34:6-7

#### 5. Are There More Gods than One?

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

REFERENCES: Deuteronomy 4:5, 39; 6:4; 1 Kings 8:60; Jeremiah 10:10; Isaiah 44:8; 45:5-6, 18, 21-22; 46:9; Hebrews 10:31

#### 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

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

REFERENCES: 1 John 5:7; Matthew 28:19

#### 7. What is the decree of God?

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

REFERENCES: Ephesians 1:11-12; Isaiah 46:8-11; 14:24-27; Job 23:13; Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Proverbs 19:21; Daniel 4:35

#### 8. How does God execute His decree?

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

REFERENCES: Revelation 4:11; Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11-12; Isaiah 45:9-11; 46:8-11; 14:24-27; Job 23:13; Psalm 33:9-11; 115:3; 135:6; Proverbs 19:21

#### 9. 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; ordering them, and all their actions, to His own glory.

REFERENCES: Psalm 145:17; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 104:24; 136:5; Jeremiah 10:12; Isaiah 28:29; Hebrews 1:3; Psalm 103:19; 47:2; Matthew 10:29-31; Genesis 45:7; Romans 11:36; Isaiah 63:14; 1 Timothy 1:17.

#### 10. What is the work of creation?

ANSWER: The work of creation is God's creating all things out of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, all for Himself and His glory, and all very good.

REFERENCES: Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3; Exodus 20:11; Genesis 1:31; Proverbs 16:4; John 1:1-3; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 33:6, 9; Romans 11:36; Colossians 1:15-17; Revelation 4:11

#### 11. How did God create angels?

ANSWER: God created all the angels spirits, immortal, holy, excelling in knowledge, mighty in power, to execute His commandments, and to praise His name, some elect and some not.

REFERENCES: Colossians 1:16; Psalm 104:4; Hebrews 1:14; Matthew 22:30, 31; 24:36; 116:27; 2 Samuel 14:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; Psalm 103:20-21; 2 Peter 2:4; 1 Timothy 5:21; Jude 6; Revelation 6-14; 1 Kings 22:19-23

#### 12. 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 for Himself and for His own glory.

REFERENCES: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7, 22; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Job 35:11; Psalm 100:3; Acts 17:24-28; Colossians 3:10; Ephesians 4:24; Hebrews 12:10; Isaiah 43:1, 7, 21; Proverbs 16:4.

# 13. 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.

REFERENCES: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7, 22; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Genesis 3:1-19; Hosea 6:7; Jeremiah 2:12-13; Romans 1:21-32; Titus 3:3.

#### 14. What is sin?

ANSWER: Sin is <u>any</u> want (lack) of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

REFERENCES: 1 John 3:4.

# 15. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the state wherein he was created?

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

REFERENCES: Genesis 2:16-17; Leviticus 18:5; Nehemiah 9:29; Galatians 3:12; Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23

# 16. 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.

REFERENCES: 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; Romans 5:12-21.

#### 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

ANSWER: The fall brought mankind into a estate of sin and misery. REFERENCES: Romans 5:12; 3:10-19; Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:6; Genesis 6:5; James 1:14-15; Matthew 15:19.

# 18. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sins and misry?

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

REFERENCES: Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Titus 1:1-2; 2 Timothy 1:9; Revelation 13:8; 17:8; Romans 3:20-22; Galatians 3:21-22 (Romans 3:22, 26; Galatians 2:16; 2:20; Ephesians 3:12; Philippians 3:9)



# **Memory & Meditation Work**

(Psalm 1:1-3)

- 1 Corinthians 10:31
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- Psalm 115:1-3
- Colossians 1:15-17
- Isaiah 6:1-5
- 1 John 2:3-6
- Ephesians 5:15-17
- 1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.