

# Our Goals for 2022

- 1 To GROW in a deeper relationship with God.
- <sup>②</sup> 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**

#### 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: Col 1:16; Psalm 104:4; Hebrews 1:14; Matt 22:30, 31; 24:36; 116:27; 2 Samuel 14:17; 2 Thess 1:7; Psalm 103:20-21; 2 Peter 2:4; 1 Timothy 5:21; Jude 6; Rev 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 sin and misery?

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** 

#### 19. What is the misery of the estate whereinto man fell?

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

REFERENCES: Genesis 3:8, 10, 24; Ephesians 2:2-3; Galatians 3:10; Lamenations 3:39; Romans 6:23; Matthew 25:41, 46.

#### 20. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

- ANSWER: No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but does *daily* break them in *thought, word, and deed*.
- REFERENCES: Ecclesiastes 7:20; 1 John 1:8, 10; Galatians 5:17; Genesis 6:5; 8:21; Romans 3:9-21; James 3:2-13

# 21. Can man in his fallen estate do anything good?

- ANSWER: All mankind, while in their fallen estate, has wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation; so as, a natural man, being altogether averse from that good, and dead in sin, is not able, by his own will and ability, do anything to convert himself or prepare himself thereunto.
- REFERENCES: Romans 5:6; 8:7; 3:10-12; Ephesians 2:1-3; Colossians 2:13; John 6:44, 65; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Titus 3:3-5; Matthew 19:25-26; Mark 10:26-27; Luke 18:26-27.

#### 22. 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.
- REFERENCES: 1 Timothy 2:5; John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16; Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 2:9

# 23. Why must the Redeemer/Mediator be a Man who is perfectly righteous?

ANSWER: Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned, should likewise make satisfaction for sin, and one, who is himself a sinner, cannot satisfy for others.

REFERENCES: Romans 5:12, 15; 1 Peter 3:18; Isaiah 53:11

#### 24. Who is the Redeemer/Mediator be in one person be also very God?

ANSWER: That He might by the power of His Godhead sustain in His human nature the burden of God's wrath; and might obtain for, and restore to us, righteousness and life.

REFERENCES: 1 Peter 3:18; Acts 2:24; Isaiah 53:8; 1 John 1:2; Jeremiah 23:6; 2 Timothy 1:10; John 6:51.



# Memory & Meditation Work

(Psalm 1:1-3)

- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- 1 Corinthians 6:20
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- Psalm 73:25-26
- Isaiah 46:9-10
- John 1:12-13
- Proverbs 19:21
- Daniel 4:35
- 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
- James 4:13-16
- 1 Corinthians 2:14
- Philippians 2:5-8
- Hebrews 12:1-2 THEREFORE, <u>we</u> also, since we are surrounded by so great of cloud of witnesses, let <u>us</u> lay aside <u>every</u> weight, and the sin that so <u>easily</u> ensnares <u>us</u>, and let <u>us</u> run with endurance the race set before <u>us</u>, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of <u>our</u> faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.