

Of God

9. What is the work of creation?

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.

11. What are God's works of providence?

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

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.

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.

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, sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

Upcoming Weeks Preview:

8/18 - God as Gracious Redeemer

WSC 32-37 & Confession Ch 11 - of Justification

8/25 - God as Revealer Through Word

WSC 38, 42-44, 82 & Confession Ch 1 - of Holy Scripture

9/1 - Nature of Mankind and Fall

WSC 1-3, 10, 12 & Confession Ch 6 - Of the Fall of Man, of Sin

CHAPTER 4

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1. It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the manifestation of the glory of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning, to create or make of nothing the world, and all things therein, whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days, and all very good.
2. After God had made all other creatures, He created man, male and female, with reasonable and immortal souls, endued with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness after His own image, having the law of God written in their hearts, and power to fulfill it; and yet under a possibility of transgressing, being left to the liberty of their own will, which was subject unto change. Besides this law written in their hearts, they received a command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; which while they kept were happy in their communion with God, and had dominion over the creatures.