

Session Seven:

Reformed Doctrine II: The Doctrines of Grace

Class Study Questions
(to be completed before class)

Sources: *The Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF)*
Jonathan Barlow, “The Five Points of Calvinism”
John Piper, “Summary of the Five Points of Calvinism”
Five Points of Calvinism / Five Articles of Remonstrance (Arminianism)
Chart
[*Five Points of Calvinism*, by Steele and Thomas (FPC) (optional)]

Chapter VIII (WCF): Christ the Mediator

1. What are the principal doctrines about the person and work of Christ set forth in the *Confession*, chapter 8?
2. In what way is Christ a Prophet? (Make sure to look at the *Larger Catechism*, Q43.)
3. In what way is Christ a Priest? (Make sure to look at the *Larger Catechism*, Q44.)
4. In what way is Christ a King? (Make sure to look at the *Larger Catechism*, Q45.)
5. Why was it necessary for Christ to be both God and man?

Chapter IX (WCF): Free Will

1. What are the four states of man, as set forth in this chapter? (That is, what was/is/will be man’s ability regarding *choosing the good* at each of these stages of history?)
 - At Creation (9.2):
 - After the Fall (9.3):
 - After Regeneration (9.4):
 - In the future state of glory (9.5):
2. Do all people have “the ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation?” (What does this mean?)
3. Why is a regenerated person not able to do good perfectly in this life?

Chapter X (WCF): Effectual Calling

1. What is “effectual calling?”
2. Is this “calling” conditional?
3. What does this chapter say about the status of infants who die in infancy, and others who are unable to be called outwardly by the word?

Chapter XI (WCF): Justification

1. Who justifies? How is this accomplished?
2. What do we mean by “justification by faith alone?”
3. What happens when a justified person falls into sin?

Chapter XII (WCF): Adoption

1. Is God the Father of all men? Explain.
2. What are the benefits of adoption?

Chapter XIII (WCF): Sanctification

1. What is involved in sanctification?
2. Are we active or passive in sanctification? What are the roles of God and man as we grow in grace?
3. What *means* does God use to sanctify his people?

Chapter XIV (WCF): Saving Faith

1. What is saving faith? Whose work is it? How does it begin?

Chapter XV (WCF): Repentance unto Life

1. What is repentance? Can a person truly believe on Christ without repentance?
2. If the believer is forgiven of his sins, why should he continue to repent?

Chapter XVI (WCF): Good Works

1. What, according to the *Confession* 16.1-2, is a “good work?”
2. Can an unbeliever do any “good works” in the sight of God? Explain.

Chapter XVII (WCF): Perseverance of the Saints

1. Can a true believer lose his or her salvation? Explain.
2. Can a believer fall into grievous sin?

Chapter XVIII (WCF): Assurance of Grace and Salvation

1. What is the basis of this assurance?
2. Do all Christians have this assurance, steady and undiminished, all the time? Why or why not?

