

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

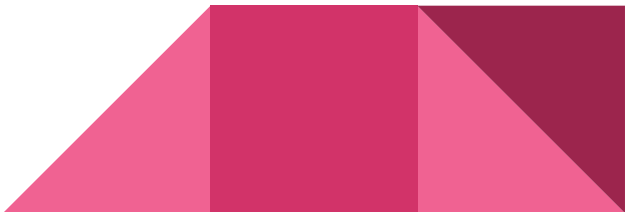

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Where do we start?



- WCF
 - begins with Chapter 1 - “Of the Holy Scripture”
 - where truth is revealed
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 - begins with our purpose as God’s creatures
 - how we might know how to glorify and enjoy God
 - begin at the source
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Q&A

Q2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The **Word of God**, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.





The Word of God - Its Subject

- OT and NT are about Jesus Christ

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:14-16 ESV)

- Foundation of our faith
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The Word of God - Its Evidence

- Its antiquity
- Its preservation
- Its content

*The words of the LORD are pure words,
like silver refined in a furnace on the ground,
purified seven times. (Psalm 12:6 ESV)*

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:17 ESV)





The Word of God - Its Evidence


- Its content

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phillipians 4:8 ESV)

and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:17 ESV)

- Its predictions

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Only Rule

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- Way of salvation

but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:31 ESV)







Only Rule

- Interprets itself
- Provides expositors

For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 2:7 ESV)


- Discernment

And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures (Acts 17:2 ESV)





Application

- The believer
 - Our salvation
 - Our sanctification
 - Our comfort
 - Our hope
 - Warning
 - Redact or weaken
 - Twist
 - Neglect
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