

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q3: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

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Q&A

Q3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to **believe** concerning God, and what **duty** God requires of man.





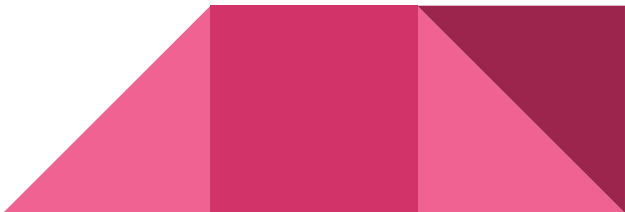
What are we to believe concerning God?

- That He is the Creator

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1 ESV)

- That He is incarnate in Christ

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. (John 5:39-40 ESV)





What are we to believe concerning God?

- That in Him is redemption

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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 20:30-31 ESV)

- That faith comes through the word

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17 ESV)





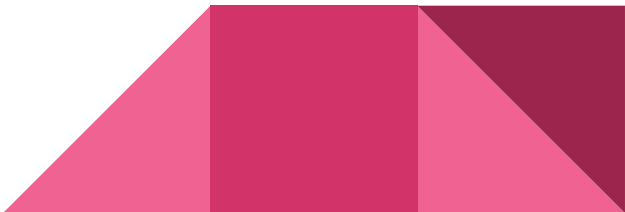
What is our duty to God?

- That we walk in his ways

*“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?
(Deuteronomy 10:12-13 ESV)*

- That we meditate on His word

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Joshua 1:8 ESV)





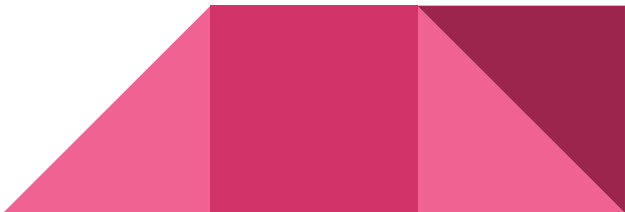
What is our duty to God?

- That we find our way by His word

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105 ESV)*

- That we walk humbly with Him

*He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8 ESV)*





What is our duty to God?

- That we be equipped for every good work

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 3:16-17 ESV)

