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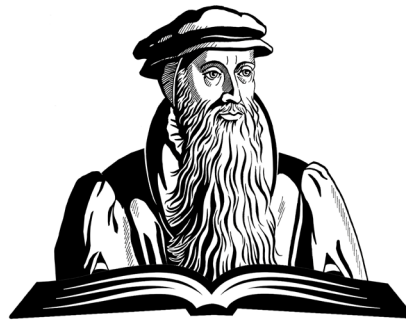
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Study Questions

For better understanding fundamental truths
of Biblical Christianity

Lecture #10

*Article 9: The Universal
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in 13 Lectures

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Lecture 10:

Article 9: The Universal Church of Christ

"I believe in...the holy catholic church; the communion of saints..."

Study Questions

1. Why does this article follow the confession statement, "I believe in the Holy Ghost"? What does this signify?

2. What is meant by the statement, "I believe there is a church"? What does the Roman Catholic Church teach regarding this confession?

3. Why do we say that the designation, "congregation" is more biblical than "church" to describe what a local church is?

4. Why does the Bible also speak of the church as “the called”?

5. Why do we call it a “holy church”? How do we see that proven in the Bible?

6. What do the terms “catholic” or “universal” mean regarding the church? How is that shown in the Bible?

7. Why do we say that the church is “Christian”? What is the relationship between the Lord Jesus Christ and the church?

8. What is the duty of the church in the world, according to the Bible? How can she fulfill this task?

9. What is the “visible church”? and what is the “invisible church”?

10. What is the relationship between the spiritual kingdom of Jesus Christ, and the secular, earthly powers and kingdoms? What are the specific tasks of the spiritual kingdom of Christ, and the earthly kingdoms of this world? What is the neutral relationship between them?

11. What are the implications of the phrase, “the communion of saints”?

12. How do the apostolic epistles in the New Testament continually admonish Christians to maintain communion with one another?

Personal Application

1. As the famous saying of John Calvin, “Whoever has God as his Father must have the church as his mother,” that is how we ought to think about the church. The Puritans also instruct us that if we love God, we will also love his people. How do you think about the church? How do you think of the one invisible church, and the local congregation that you belong to?

2. What are the practical ways we can live out the confession, “I believe in the communion of saints,” despite the sad divisions among Christians today? Why should the believer be careful not to isolate himself?
