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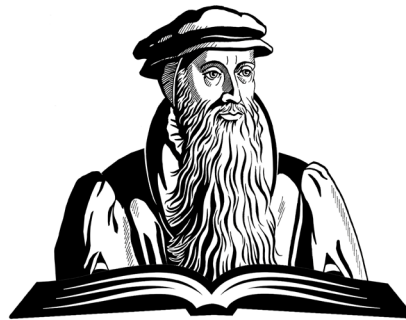
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*Catechism Questions #2 and #3*



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33. The Ten Commandments: Love for God's Worship—*Question 49–52*
34. The Ten Commandments: Love for God's Name—*Questions 53–56*
35. The Ten Commandments: A Day for Holy Love—*Questions 57–59*
36. The Ten Commandments: Love for God's Day—*Questions 60–62*
37. The Ten Commandments: Love within Our Relationships—*Questions 63–66*
38. The Ten Commandments: Love for Life—*Questions 67–69*
39. The Ten Commandments: Love for Purity—*Questions 70–72*
40. The Ten Commandments: Love for the Lord's Allotment—*Questions 73–75*

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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #2

## God's Word and Its Teaching

### Memorization

**Question 2:** *What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?*

**Answer:** *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.*

**Question 3:** *What do the Scriptures principally teach?*

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

### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction
2. The Bible is our only and ultimate authority.
3. The Bible's focus is on what we should believe, and what we are to do.
4. Conclusion

### Literal Study

1. Define these key terms:

a. Rule \_\_\_\_\_

b. The Old and New Testaments \_\_\_\_\_

c. Principally teach \_\_\_\_\_

2. Paraphrase the Answers to Questions 2 and 3, or put it into your own words.

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**Lecture Checkup**

*(If a text is mentioned, please read it and write it out in the space provided.)*

1. What is the Bible? How do you understand 2 Timothy 3, verse 16?

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2. What is the Old Testament? What is the New Testament? What are they about? Why are they called “Old” and “New” Testaments?

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3. Is the New Testament more important than the Old Testament? Is everything in the Bible true?

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4. What are the “secondary authorities” that the Lord has given to us? How do they relate to the ultimately authority?

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5. Is the Bible our only standard for faith? What about other books?

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6. Is natural reason without the light of the Scripture sufficient to direct us?

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7. How can we know what God would have us to believe about him?

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8. How does the Bible show us the relationship between faith and obedience?

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9. What is obedience, and how do we know what God has commanded?

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Colossians 2, verses 20–23

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10. In the *Shorter Catechism*, what are its two main divisions from Question #4 to the end?

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**Further Studies**

1. How can you prove that the words in the Scriptures are the Word of God?

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2. Why was the Word of God put into writing in the Scriptures?

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3. Are we bound in point of practice to nothing but what is required in the Scriptures?

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4. Can the light of men, without the Scriptures, be used as a rule for our direction or guidance?

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5. How do the Scriptures teach about matters of faith and practice? Is the Holy Spirit absolutely necessary for us to understand the Scriptures?

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**Practical Application**

1. What should be the right attitude to have about the Bible, given what you have learned from this lecture?

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2. Do you read the Bible? What is the right way to read the Bible?

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**Project Ideas**

Design a chart that names all the books of the Bible in their various groupings, and identify the main themes of each book.