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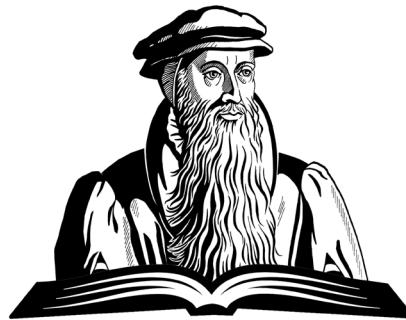
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Memorization

Question 27: *Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?*

Answer: *Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction
2. Christ voluntarily humbled himself.
3. Christ truly humbled himself.
4. Christ temporarily humbled himself.
5. Applications.

Literal Study

1. Define this term as it is used in this lecture:

a) Humiliation _____

2. Paraphrase the answer to Question #27, or put it into your own words.

Lecture Checkup

1. How does the Bible show us that Christ willingly humbled himself? Did he delight to do so?

2. Why should we take time to consider the steps of Christ's humiliation?

3. How does Christ's being born in this world, and the condition of his birth, reflect his humiliation?

4. What is meant by the phrase, "He was born under the law"? Why was this necessary?

5. Why did Christ have to undergo the miseries of this life? Why is that important?

6. Why was it necessary for the Lord Jesus to suffer the wrath of God? Where do we see that?

7. How was the Lord Jesus Christ made a curse? Why was that necessary?

8. Why is the burial of the body of the Lord Jesus an important part of his humiliation?

9. Was Christ's humiliation the final step? What was the turning point and the end of that humiliation?

10. What comforts do Christ's people derive from the miseries he endured in his humiliation?

Further Studies

1. How did Christ humble himself before his death? In his death? And after his death?

2. What does Christ's humiliation assure us of?

3. What does Christ's humiliation, especially his death, teach us?

Practical Application

1. Take time to meditate on the glorious truths taught in this lecture. Do you see the great love of Christ in each step of his humiliation?

2. Look again at Christ's humiliation. As you look, can you see the debt that you owe to God for your sin? As you look at his sufferings, do you realize the penalty that you deserve as a sinner? Can you see the great need of fleeing to the Lord Jesus Christ as your only hope?

Project Ideas

Write a short article with your personal thoughts about the steps of Christ's humiliation.