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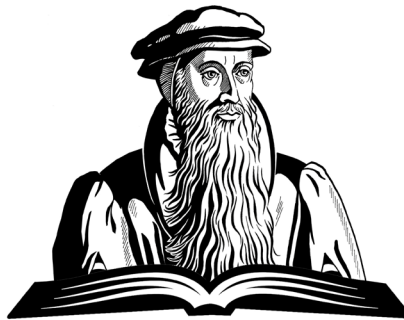
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**Blessings of Salvation
in this Life**

Catechism Question 36



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ADULT STUDY GUIDE

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Blessings of Salvation in this Life

Memorization

Question 36: *What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?*

Answer: *The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: other blessings.
2. Gracious enjoyment.
3. Gracious growth.
4. Gracious perseverance
4. Applications.

Literal Study

1. Define these terms as they are used in this lecture:

a) Benefits _____

b) Assurance _____

c) Perseverance _____

2. Paraphrase the answer to Question #36, or put it into your own words.

Lecture Checkup

1. Do any of the benefits of salvation that come to the believer cease over time? Explain.

2. What are the five benefits mentioned in the answer to Question 36?

3. What is “assurance of God’s love”? How does the believer’s position differ from that of the unbelievers regarding this assurance?

4. What is “peace of conscience”? Where can we find it?

5. What is “joy in the Holy Ghost”? What kind of joy is this?

6. Should the believer expect to have a sense of these benefits constantly in life? Why is this?

7. What is the meaning of “gracious growth”? Is this growth constant in every season of life?

8. What Bible passage is a biblical foundation for this gracious growth?

9. What ways does God use to protect and persevere his people?

10. How should we understand those who profess faith in Christ, but later fall away and leave the church? How does the Bible explain this?

Further Studies

1. Might unjustified and unsanctified persons attain to any of these benefits?

2. How is it that some who are justified, adopted, and sanctified do not attain to these benefits?

3. How may a child of God gain sure evidence of his justification and adoption?

4. What is a sure evidence of sanctification?

5. Is it possible that any believer, by falling into sin, may fall from grace?

Practical Application

1. Meditate on Psalm 34. Have you tasted and seen that the Lord is good? Have you experienced all the benefits of salvation in Christ in this life? Give some examples.

2. Who should we look to for salvation? Who should we trust for our eternal soul? Is the sense of these benefits of salvation the foundation for our faith? Please explain your answer.

Project Ideas

As you read the Bible, gather up Scriptures about these benefits which accompany salvation—collect them in a notebook, and see how it is that each of these benefits is available to the believer throughout his life