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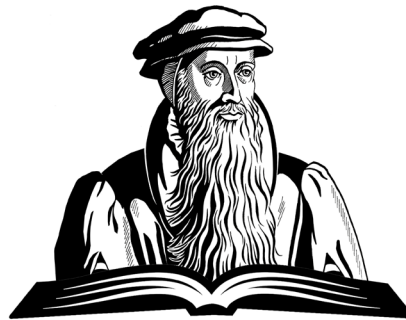
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for Lecture #44

**Escaping God's Wrath and**

**Curse: Saving Faith**

*Catechism Questions 85 & 86*



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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #44

### Escaping God's Wrath and Curse: Saving Faith

#### Memorization

**Question 85:** *What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?*

**Answer:** *To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.*

**Question 86:** *What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

**Answer:** *Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.*

#### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. The source of saving faith.
3. The act of saving faith.
4. The warrant for saving faith.
5. Applications.

#### Literal Study

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

a) Saving \_\_\_\_\_

b) Grace \_\_\_\_\_

2. Summarize the main teachings from the answers to Questions 85 & 86.

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**Lecture Checkup**

1. What are the two points Rev. Mattull brought to our attention about Question #85?

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2. What does it mean that “faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace”? What is a grace? What does that imply?

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3. How does the Bible prove that saving faith is freely given by God? Is there anything that we can do to earn it or to be qualified for it?

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4. What are the other gifts God gives to man, but which are not saving? How will it help you on the last day if you have every other kind of gift, but not saving grace?

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5. What is saving faith? What are the three things necessary?

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6. What are some things which we might do which are not saving faith?

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7. What is historical faith?

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8. How should we understand Romans 10:13? *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* What does the word “call upon” mean in this passage? What does that imply to us?

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9. What are some things which are not a warrant of saving faith?

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10. What actually is the warrant to believe on Jesus Christ, the warrant of saving faith, according to the Bible?

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**Further Studies**

1. What is the object of this grace of saving faith?

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2. What is the subject of faith in Jesus Christ?

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3. When does the soul rest on Christ for salvation?

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**Practical Application**

1. What is meant when we say, “take hold of Christ”? How is that seen in saving faith? For those who do take hold of the Lord Jesus Christ, what reason do they have to praise his name?

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2. Do you have this saving faith? Do you know your need for a Savior, and do you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Savior of mankind? Are you resting and trusting on Jesus Christ alone for your salvation?

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**Project Ideas**

In your notebook, record more texts which prove that God holds forth Jesus Christ, and salvation in him, to sinners freely. Meditate on these passages and apply them to your own heart.