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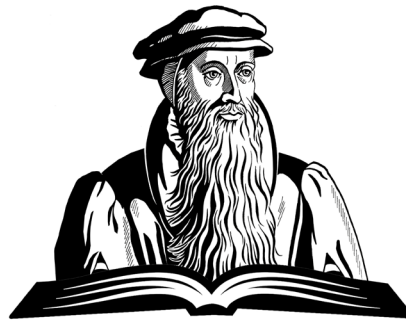
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Escaping God's Wrath and Curse: Means of Grace

Memorization

Question 88: *What are the outwards means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?*

Answer: *The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. The nature of the means of grace.
3. The identity of the means of grace.
4. The blessing of the means of grace.
5. Applications.

Literal Study

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

- a) Outward _____
- b) Ordinary _____
- c) Means _____
- d) Ordinance _____
- e) Communicate _____

2. Paraphrase the answer to this question or put it into your own words.

Lecture Checkup

1. What does the phrase, “the means of grace” mean?

2. How does Christ convey, communicate, share, or give his benefits of redemption to his people?

3. What are the means of grace? Who has appointed them? Does the church have the authority to invent them?

4. What are the three primary ordinances which Christ has given to the church?

5. What are the specific means of grace in Christ’s ordinances? What is their intended purpose?

6. What is the biblical view regarding our use of the means of grace?

7. What is it that we are to seek by these means?

8. To whom does God give these benefits of grace? Are they for everyone? Explain your answer.

9. How do we see the three main points of this lecture in Ephesians 1, verses 3 to 14?

10. How should we approach the use of these means of grace, and what can we expect from them?

Further Studies

1. What is meant by the ordinances of the Lord?

2. Why are the ordinances called the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

Practical Application

1. What does it mean to use “proper diligence” when using the means of grace described in this lecture? What preparation is needed? What thoughtfulness and care should we take? Do you have this diligence as you approach reading the Bible, or worshipping God?

2. Meditate on Psalm 119 throughout, and also Psalm 80, verses 17 to 19. What does the psalmist pursue in these Psalms? Do you seek the same things when you use the means of grace?

Project Ideas

Read and meditate on the passage in Ephesians 1, verses 3 to 14. Then explain more fully the three things found in this passage: *the blessings that God gives; the way that he gives them; and to whom he gives them.*
