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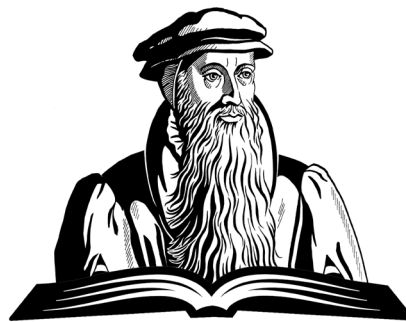
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Youth Study Guide

for Lecture #1

The Chief End of Man

Catechism Question 1



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YOUTH STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #1

The Chief End of Man

Memorization

Question 1: What is the chief end of man?

Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction – What is the purpose of your life?
2. Man's purpose is focused on God.
3. Man's purpose joins together glorifying God and enjoying God.
4. Man's ultimate purpose will never end.
5. Conclusion.

Basic Questions

(This part is for students to gain a right understanding both grammatically and literally of the question and answer.)

1. What does the word "chief mean? _____
2. What does the word "end" mean? _____
3. What does the word "man" refer to? _____

4. Please rewrite this question and answer in your own words.

5. What does it mean to “glorify” God?

6. What does the phrase “enjoy God” mean?

Bible Study Questions

(This part is to help you understand this doctrine, and see how this Catechism answer is drawn from the Bible. It is also good to use a few Bible texts as memory verses.)

1. Write out the verse that teaches that we are to glorify God .

- a) 1 Corinthians 10, verse 31
- b) Colossians 3, verse 17

2. Write out the verse that teaches that we are to enjoy God.

- a) Psalm 73, verses 25–26
- b) 1 Peter 1, verse 8

Lecture Checkup

(If a Scripture is given, please read it and then write it out in the space provided.)

1. What does it mean that the chief end of man focuses on God?

2. What has God, our Creator, said is man's primary purpose?

3. What does it mean to glorify God?

Psalm 145:1-2

4. How can we glorify God? Can we add something to his glory or make him more glorious?

Matthew 6:33

Matthew 5:16

5. What are our secondary purposes? Give some examples.

Ephesians 6:5–6

6. Can a man glorify God while being in a sinful state? What is needed for us to be able to glorify and enjoy God now?

7. What does glorifying God have to do with loving him?

8. Read Genesis 3, verse 8 about Adam and Eve. How does this teach us that we cannot enjoy God if we are in sin?

9. What is the only way in which we can enjoy God in our lives?

Romans 5, verse 12

10. What does it mean that the chief end of man everlasting?

Practical Application

1. What does the world say about the chief end of man? What is your chief end?

2. How do you enjoy God in your life? Do you see your personal need for the Lord Jesus Christ?
