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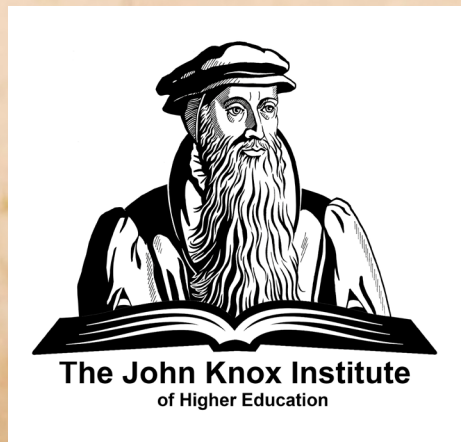
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Catechism Questions 89 & 90



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Means of Grace: The Word of God

Memorization

Question 89: *How is the word made effectual to salvation?*

Answer: *The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.*

Question 90: *How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?*

Answer: *That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practise it in our lives.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. The cause of blessing by the Word of God.
3. The effect of blessing by the Word of God.
4. The pursuit of blessing by the Word of God.
5. Applications.

Basic Questions for Question and Answers 89 & 90

1. What does the word, “effectual” mean as it is used in this lecture?

2. What does the word “convincing” mean in as it is used in this lecture?

3. What does the word “converting” mean as it is used in this lecture?

4. What does the word “attend” mean as it is used in this lecture?

5. Paraphrase the answers to these questions or put it into your own words.

Bible Study Questions

(Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)

1. *The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith unto salvation.*

2 Timothy 4:2 _____

Romans 10:13–14, 17 _____

Ephesians 1:15–18 _____

1 Thessalonians 1:5–6 _____

John 16:7–11 _____

Psalm 19:7 _____

John 17:17 _____

2. That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

2 Timothy 3:15–16 _____

1 Peter 2:1–2 _____

Psalm 119:11, 18 _____

James 1:25 _____

Lecture Checkup

1. How does the Bible prove that the preaching of God’s Word is especially used by God to bring about salvation in sinners?

2. How will anyone ever be blessed by the reading and preaching of God’s Word? Is merely reading God’s Word enough to convert a sinner?

3. Why did Paul pray for the church in Ephesus that the Spirit would open their minds further and cause them to receive the truth?

4. What happens when the Spirit uses the Word of God effectually in a sinner's soul? How does the Bible speak of this truth?

5. How does the Holy Spirit use the Word of God in those who have already come to believe? How do we know this from the Bible?

6. How did Rev. Mattull describe the Bible and its value to us?

7. How should we attend to the reading and preaching of God's Word? How should we approach it, focus on it, and think about God's Word?

8. What did Rev. Mattull say is the twofold preparation for coming to read or study the Bible? Describe the two parts.

9. Regarding the Word of God, what does the Catechism mean by, “receive it with faith and love”?

10. What is meant by, “lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives”?

Practical Application

1. Are you a diligent student of the Bible? Are you able to hear faithful preaching of the Word of God? How important is it to pray for God’s guidance and help before we read the Word of God, or before we listen to a sermon preached?

2. What is absolutely necessary to enjoy the true riches of the Bible? Have you received Jesus Christ by faith, so that God’s Spirit dwells in you? How has reading the Word of God, or listening to faithful sermons on the Word of God blessed you?
