

## **Our Goals for 2022**

- 1) To GROW in a deeper relationship with God.
- 2 To GLORIFY God in everything we do.
- 3 To PURSUE holiness.
- 4 To BE CHURCH as God designed His Church to be.
- ⑤ To HEAR God preach His glorious Gospel to us.
- ★ To say to one another, "Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ."

# **Disciple Growing Catechism**

### 10. What is the work of creation?

ANSWER: The work of creation is God's creating all things out of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, all for Himself and His glory, and all very good.

REFERENCES: Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3; Exodus 20:11; Genesis 1:31; Proverbs 16:4; John 1:1-3; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 33:6, 9; Romans 11:36; Colossians 1:15-17; Revelation 4:11

### 11. How did God create angels?

ANSWER: God created all the angels spirits, immortal, holy, excelling in knowledge, mighty in power, to execute His commandments, and to praise His name, some elect and some not.

REFERENCES: Colossians 1:16; Psalm 104:4; Hebrews 1:14; Matthew 22:30, 31; 24:36; 116:27; 2 Samuel 14:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; Psalm 103:20-21; 2 Peter 2:4; 1 Timothy 5:21; Jude 6; Revelation 6-14; 1 Kings 22:19-23

### 12. How did God create man?

ANSWER: God created man, male and female, after His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures for Himself and for His own glory.

REFERENCES: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7, 22; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Job 35:11; Psalm 100:3; Acts 17:24-28; Colossians 3:10; Ephesians 4:24; Hebrews 12:10; Isaiah 43:1, 7, 21; Proverbs 16:4.

## 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

ANSWER: Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

REFERENCES: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7, 22; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Genesis 3:1-19; Hosea 6:7; Jeremiah 2:12-13; Romans 1:21-32; Titus 3:3.

### 14. What is sin?

ANSWER: Sin is <u>any</u> want (lack) of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

REFERENCES: 1 John 3:4.

# 15. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the state wherein he was created?

ANSWER: When God created man, He entered a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

REFERENCES: Genesis 2:16-17; Leviticus 18:5; Nehemiah 9:29; Galatians 3:12; Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23

### 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

ANSWER: The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself but for his posterity, all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation.

REFERENCES: 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; Romans 5:12-21.

### 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

ANSWER: The fall brought mankind into a estate of sin and misery. REFERENCES: Romans 5:12; 3:10-19; Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:6; Genesis 6:5; James 1:14-15; Matthew 15:19.

## 18. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

ANSWER: God having, out of His <u>mere</u> good pleasure to the praise of His grace, **from all eternity**, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them from the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

REFERENCES: Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Titus 1:1-2; 2 Timothy 1:9; Revelation 13:8; 17:8; Romans 3:20-22; Galatians 3:21-22 (Romans 3:22, 26; Galatians 2:16; 2:20; Ephesians 3:12; Philippians 3:9)

### 19. What is the misery of the estate whereinto man fell?

ANSWER: All mankind by their fall lost communion/fellowship with God, are under His wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

REFERENCES: Genesis 3:8, 10, 24; Ephesians 2:2-3; Galatians 3:10; Lamenations 3:39; Romans 6:23; Matthew 25:41, 46.

### 20. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

ANSWER: No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but does *daily* break them in *thought, word, and deed*.

REFERENCES: Ecclesiastes 7:20; 1 John 1:8, 10; Galatians 5:17; Genesis 6:5; 8:21; Romans 3:9-21; James 3:2-13



# **Memory & Meditation Work**

(Psalm 1:1-3)

- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- 1 Corinthians 6:20
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- Psalm 73:25-26
- Isaiah 46:9-10
- John 1:12-13
- Proverbs 19:21
- Daniel 4:35
- Psalm 115:1-3
- Colossians 1:15-17
- Isaiah 6:1-5
- 1 John 2:3-6
- Ephesians 5:15-17
- 1 John 2:15-17
- James 4:13-16 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.