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Questions

1	what is the chief end of man:
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8	How doth God execute his decrees?
9	What is the work of creation?
10	How did God create man?
11	What are God's works of providence?
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13	Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?
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17	Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?
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82	Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God
83	Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?
84	What doth every sin deserve?
85	What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?
86	What is faith in Jesus Christ?
87	What is repentance unto life?
88	What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?

89	How is the Word made effectual to salvation?
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95	To whom is baptism to be administered?
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104	What do we pray for in the fourth petition?
105	What do we pray for in the fifth petition?
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107	What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

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What is the chief end of man?

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Man's chief end is to glorify God,¹ and to enjoy him forever.²

¹ Ps. 86:9; Isa. 60:21; Rom. 11:36; 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Cor. 10:31; Rev. 4:11.

² Ps. 16:5–11; Ps. 144:15; Isa. 12:2; Luke 2:10; Phil. 4:4; Rev. 21:3–4.

2 What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, ¹ is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.²

¹ Matt. 19:4–5; With Gen. 2:24; Luke 24:27, 44; 1 Cor. 2:13; 1 Cor. 14:37; 2 Peter 1:20–21; 2 Peter 3:2, 15–16.

² Deut. 4:2; Ps. 19:7–11; Isa. 8:20; John 15:11; John 20:30–31; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 3:15–17; 1 John 1:4.

What do the Scriptures principally teach?

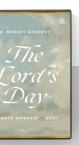
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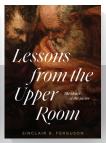
The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

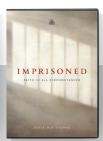
¹ Gen. 1:1; John 5:39; John 20:31; Rom. 10:17; 2 Tim. 3:15.

² Deut. 10:12–13; Josh. 1:8; Ps. 119:105; Mic. 6:8; 2 Tim. 3:16–17.

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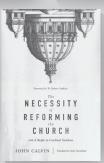


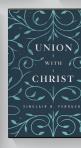












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