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- 1 | What is the chief end of man?
- 2 | What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?
- 3 | What do the Scriptures principally teach?
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- 5 | Are there more Gods than one?
- 6 | How many persons are there in the Godhead?
- 7 | What are the decrees of God?
- 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?
- 12 | What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created?
- 13 | Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?
- 14 | What is sin?
- 15 | What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?
- 16 | Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

QUESTIONS

- 17 | Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?
- 18 | Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?
- 19 | What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?
- 20 | Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?
- 21 | Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?
- 22 | How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?
- 23 | What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?
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- 25 | How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?
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- 27 | Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?
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- 29 | How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?
- 30 | How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?
- 31 | What is effectual calling?
- 32 | What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?
- 33 | What is justification?

- 34 | What is adoption?
- 35 | What is sanctification?
- 36 | What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow
from justification, adoption, and sanctification?
- 37 | What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?
- 38 | What benefits do believers receive from Christ
at the resurrection?
- 39 | What is the duty which God requireth of man?
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of his obedience?
- 41 | Wherein is the moral law summarily comprehended?
- 42 | What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?
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- 44 | What doth the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?
- 45 | Which is the first commandment?
- 46 | What is required in the first commandment?
- 47 | What is forbidden in the first commandment?
- 48 | What are we specially taught by these words, *before me*,
in the first commandment?
- 49 | Which is the second commandment?
- 50 | What is required in the second commandment?

QUESTIONS

- 51 | What is forbidden in the second commandment?
- 52 | What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?
- 53 | Which is the third commandment?
- 54 | What is required in the third commandment?
- 55 | What is forbidden in the third commandment?
- 56 | What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?
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- 59 | Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?
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- 61 | What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?
- 62 | What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?
- 63 | Which is the fifth commandment?
- 64 | What is required in the fifth commandment?
- 65 | What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?
- 66 | What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?
- 67 | Which is the sixth commandment?
- 68 | What is required in the sixth commandment?
- 69 | What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

- 70 | Which is the seventh commandment?
- 71 | What is required in the seventh commandment?
- 72 | What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?
- 73 | Which is the eighth commandment?
- 74 | What is required in the eighth commandment?
- 75 | What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?
- 76 | Which is the ninth commandment?
- 77 | What is required in the ninth commandment?
- 78 | What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?
- 79 | Which is the tenth commandment?
- 80 | What is required in the tenth commandment?
- 81 | What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?
- 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?

QUESTIONS

- 89 | How is the Word made effectual to salvation?
- 90 | How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?
- 91 | How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?
- 92 | What is a sacrament?
- 93 | Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?
- 94 | What is baptism?
- 95 | To whom is baptism to be administered?
- 96 | What is the Lord's Supper?
- 97 | What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?
- 98 | What is prayer?
- 99 | What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?
- 100 | What doth the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?
- 101 | What do we pray for in the first petition?
- 102 | What do we pray for in the second petition?
- 103 | What do we pray for in the third petition?
- 104 | What do we pray for in the fourth petition?
- 105 | What do we pray for in the fifth petition?
- 106 | What do we pray for in the sixth petition?
- 107 | What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

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What is the chief end of man?

| 1

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?

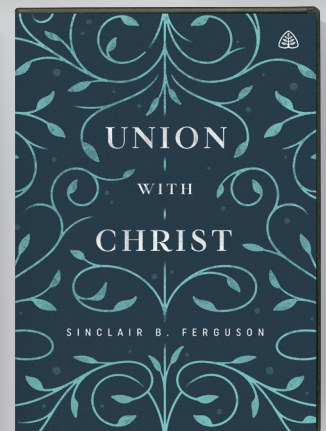
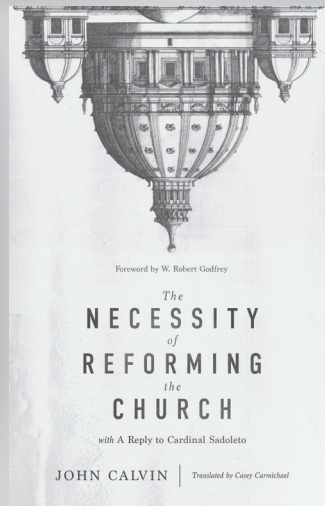
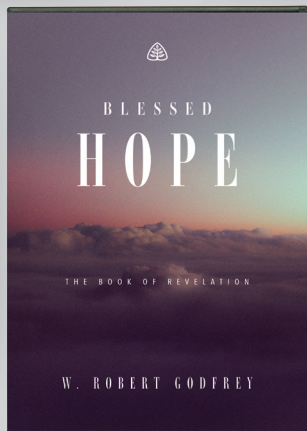
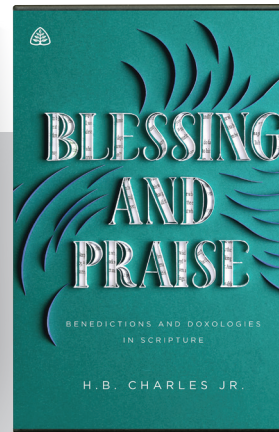
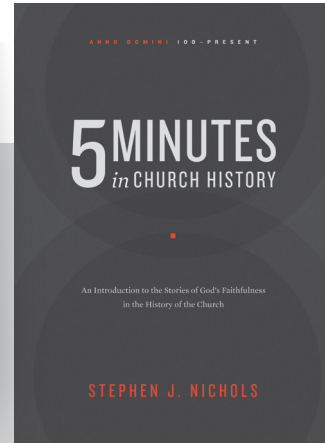
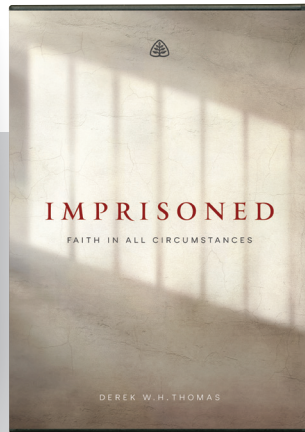
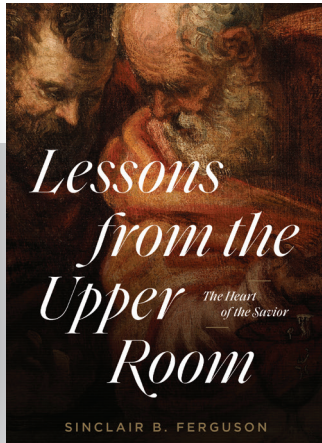
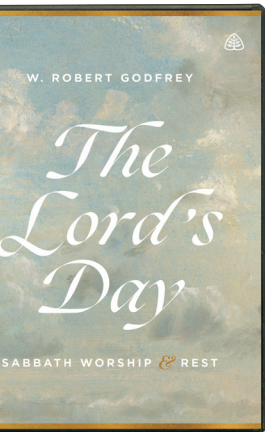
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The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God,¹ and what duty God requires of man.²

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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