

## **Westminster Confession of Faith: Session Twenty-Seven**

### *WCF 26 – Of the Communion of Saints*

“As we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another” (Romans 12:4-5 NKJV).

#### **I. Introduction**

- a. Scripture Reading
  - i. Romans 12:3-8
  
  - ii. Acts 2:40-47
  
- b. Communion of the Saints—“Be the Church”
  
- c. The Importance of this Doctrine
  - i. Communion of Saints (Literally) an Article of Faith
  
  - ii. Modern American Church Consumeristic

#### **II. WCF Chapter XXVI**

- a. *Paragraph 1: Union with Christ and therefore with One Another*
  - i. We have (comm)union with Jesus Christ.
  
  - ii. Therefore, we have communion with one another.
    1. Gifts and Graces (1 Cor. 12:7; Eph. 4:15-16; Col. 2:19)
  
    2. Mutual Good
      - a. Inward
  
      - b. Outward
  
- b. *Paragraph 2: The Practice of Communion of the Saints*
  - i. “Bound” in Communion (Jas. 2:15-16; 1 Jn. 4:20-21)
  
  - ii. Ways we Practice Communion of the Saints

1. Worship (Key Word: "Maintaining")
2. Edification
3. Sharing
4. Solidarity (Heb. 13:3)

c. *Paragraph 3: The Limits of Communion of the Saints*

- i. NO "Theosis"  
The true meaning of 2 Peter 1:4
- ii. NO Equality with Christ
- iii. NO Communism

**III. Conclusion**

**Helpful Resources**

Hodge, Archibald Alexander. *A Commentary on the Confession of Faith*. Philadelphia, PA: Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-School Work, 1869; pp. 436-444.

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Van Dixhoorn, Chad. *Confessing the Faith: A Reader's Guide to the Westminster Confession of Faith*. Carlisle, PA: The Banner of Truth Trust, 2014; pp. 349-356.