

## Heritage Presbyterian Church

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*Q. 2. How doth it appear that there is a God?*

*A. The very light of nature in man, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God; but his word and Spirit only do sufficiently and effectually reveal him unto men for their salvation.*

Focus: The proof of the existence of God is in view here. How do we know God, know that He is, and have knowledge of His works? Through general revelation and special revelation.

#### Questions for Discussion:

- 1) What is Reformed apologetics?
  
- 2) What are the divines referring to in the “light of nature in man”? What “works of God” are in view here? (Psalm 19:1-4, Acts 17:28, Romans 1:19-20, Romans 2:14-15)
  
- 3) What does it mean that the Word and Spirit sufficiently and effectually reveal God to men for their salvation? (Isaiah 59:21, 1 Corinthians 1:20-21, 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, 2 Timothy 3:15-17)

#### Westminster Confession of Faith 1.1

Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men unexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his church; and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing: which maketh the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased.