

Chapters 14 & 15. Converted!

14. We Turned From Sin to Christ, and 15. We Keep On Relying on Him

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Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. **14**, Of Saving Faith, & **15**, Repentance Unto Life.

We understand and appreciate the process of our own conversion.

Q86: What is faith in Jesus Christ? Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

14.1. What is the most general meaning of the word ‘faith’?

Romans 10:12-17, 1 Corinthians 2:14, Ephesians 2:8

14.2. What does saving faith rest upon? The Word. 1 Corinthians 1:21

14.3 How can you identify saving faith, when it looks different in various people? It is the same in essence!

Q87: What is repentance unto life? Answer: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

15.1 Should the church today give out a message of repentance? Yes, Luke 24:47

Should repentance alone be preached? No, Mark 1:15

15.2. What are the three parts of repentance unto life?

Admission of sin Romans 3:20 Psalm 51:3 Luke 15:21 Luke 18:13

Sorrow for sin 2 Corinthians 7:10 Ezekiel 36:21 Amos 5:15

Turn from your sin. Ezekiel 18:30,31, Joel 2:13 Psalm 119:59 and turning to righteousness with a desire to obey God. Psalm 119:5 Psalm 119:106

15.3. Can we rest in our repentance? No. Repentance is not a satisfaction for our sin. Ezekiel 16:61-63 Hosea 14:4 romans 3:24 Ephesians 1:7

Can we be pardoned without repentance? No. Repentance and pardon are inseparable. Luke 13:3,5 Acts 17:30,31.

15.4 Are there sins so minor that they do not deserve damnation, and we need not bother to repent of them? No. Romans 6:23 Romans 5:12 Matthew 12:36

Are there sins so great that they bring damnation, even if we repent? No. Romans 8:1 Isaiah 1:16,18

When the sin is great, what is the means for extinguishing guilt? The same! Isaiah 55:7

15.5 If we repent of being sinners, do we then also have to list our sins out? Yes. Psalm 19:12,13 Luke 19:8 1 Timothy 1:13,15.

15.6 To whom are we to confess our sins? To God Himself. Psalm 51:4 Psalm 32:5-6

WCF 16. All By Grace, and Yet There Is a Job For Me to Do

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Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. 16, Of Good Works

Understanding that our salvation is all by grace, we take on our tasks of doing good.

Q39. What is the duty which God requireth of man?

A. The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to His revealed will.

16.1. What is a good work?

Deuteronomy 6:25

Ephesians 2:8-10

Hebrews 11:6

Hebrews 13:18

16.2. What is the character and function of a good work?

John 17:17

16.3 What is the source of our good works?

Isaiah 64:6

Psalms 130:3

John 15:4-5

Philippians 2:12-13

Philippians 4:13

16.4 How do we respond to Roman Catholic teachings on sainthood and the treasury of merit?

John 16:2

Titus 1:15

Romans 14:23

16.5. Can better obedience earn us pardon of our sins?

Luke 17:10

16.6. What is the value of our good works?

2 Peter 1:10

Hebrews 6:12

2 Timothy 1:6

Jude 20-21

16.7 Would we be capable of any good works if we did not have God's grace?

Matthew 13:12

Luke 17:10

Romans 2:14-15

Romans 11:36

Romans 12:1-2