Westminster Confession of Faith: Session Thirty-Four

WCF 33 – Of the Last Judgment

"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books" (Revelation 20:11-12 NKJV).

I. Introduction

Review of Eschatology Individual Eschatology

General Eschatology

II. WCF Chapter XXXII

a. Paragraph 1: The Judgment Christ is the Judge (Rev. 19:11-16)

All Men and Angels Will Give an Account (Rev. 20:11-13)

Degrees of Reward and Punishment?

The Grounds of Reward and Punishment

b. Paragraph 2: Heaven and Hell
 All for the Glory of God
 Heaven Glorifies His Grace

Hell Glorifies His Justice

Two Destinations: Heaven and Hell Eternal Blessedness in Heaven

Eternal Conscious Torment in Heaven

Versus Universalism

Versus Annihilationism
Bible Clearly Opposes

Our Sins against Infinite God

People Never Stop Sinning in Hell

c. Paragraph 3: Practical Uses of the Judgment
Know that the Judgment Is Certain
Deterrent from Sin

Comfort in Affliction

We Do Not Know the Day or the Hour Shake of Carnal Security

Be Watchful

III. Conclusion

Helpful Resources

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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. 435-444.
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