

# Reformation Covenant Church Adult Sunday School

## Worship & Liturgy

### Week 3: Confession and Consecration

#### I. Review

##### a. Class Outline

- i. Week 1 – What Worship Is, Centrality of Worship, and The Regulative Principle
- ii. Week 2 – Intro to CRW and Call to Worship
- iii. *Week 3 – Confession and Consecration*
- iv. Week 4 – Communion
- v. Week 5 – Commission and some Odds & Ends
- vi. Week 6 – Vestments: A Biblical case
- vii. Week 7 – Vestments: Practical considerations & Q&A

##### b. Five C's of Worship

- i. **Call** to worship – God calls us out of the world to gather in His presence.
- ii. **Confession** and Forgiveness – God reminds us what He has done for us in Christ. We confess our sins and He absolves us of guilt.
- iii. **Consecration** – We are set apart for holy service as God speaks to us and teaches us through His Word. We respond by giving ourselves and our tithes as fitting offerings.
- iv. **Communion** – God invites us to commune with Him at his covenant meal, and we remember His covenant and enjoy His provisions.
- v. Benediction and **Commissioning** – God blesses us and charges us to extend His kingdom into the future and the world, making disciples of all nations.

#### II. Confession of Sin

a. Psalm 66:18 – *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me”*

b. Isaiah 6:5 – *“Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”*

c. Ezekiel 1:28 – *This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.*

d. Revelation 1:17 – *And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.”*

#### III. Assurance of Pardon / Absolution

a. The first gift of God we receive in the worship service is \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Upcoming Changes to the Confession Section

- a. Call to Confession and Responsive Reading
  
- b. Order of Corporate and Silent / Individual confession
  
- c. The posture of confession (i.e. kneeling)

V. Consecration

- a. Sursum Corda (“Lift up your \_\_\_\_\_”)
  
- b. Sanctus
  
- c. The Reading of the Word
  
- d. Sermon
  
- e. Tithe
  
- f. Great Prayer

VI. Upcoming Changes to Consecration Section

- a. Collect for the Day
  
- b. Scripture Readings
  - i. Rich Lusk – “We read widely and extensively from Scripture each Lord’s Day because we desire to be a people saturated in and shaped by God’s Word (Dt. 6:6-9). By this Word we are converted (Ps. 19:7), convicted (Jer. 23:29), revived (Ps. 119:25), sanctified (Jn. 17:17), made wise (Ps. 19:7), and instructed in every good work (2 Tim. 3:14-17). The Word transforms our minds (Rom 12:1-2), affections (Ps. 119:103), and actions (Ps. 119:67).”
  
- c. Offertory Prayer

## Additional Resources

### Additional verses about posture in worship

Psalm 95:6

Oh come, let us worship and **bow down**; let us **kneel** before the LORD, our Maker!

Psalm 138:2 (ESV)

I **bow down** toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.

Psalm 141:1-2

Lord, I cry out to You;

Make haste to me!

Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.

Let my prayer be set before You as incense,

The **lifting up of my hands** as the evening sacrifice.

2 Chronicles 6:13

Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the court, and he stood on it. Then he **knelt on his knees** in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and **spread out his hands** toward heaven,

Ezra 8:5-6

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all **the people stood up**. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. Then all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while **lifting up their hands**. And they **bowed their heads** and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

Ezekiel 11:13

Now it happened, while I was prophesying, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I **fell on my face** and cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah, Lord God! Will You make a complete end of the remnant of Israel?"

John 17:1

When Jesus had spoken these words, he **lifted up his eyes to heaven**, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Timothy 2:8

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, **lifting holy hands** without anger or quarreling;

Revelation 5:8-9a

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders **fell down** before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song....

Revelation 19:10

Then I **fell down at his feet to worship him** (the angel), but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. **Worship God.**" For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

### **Verses about being saturated and shaped by God's Word**

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Psalms 19:7

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;  
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

Jeremiah 23:29

"Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord,  
"And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

Psalms 119:25

My soul clings to the dust;  
Revive me according to Your word.

John 17:17

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

2 Tim. 3:14-17

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Psalms 119:103

How sweet are Your words to my taste,  
Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalms 119:67

Before I was afflicted I went astray,  
But now I keep Your word.