

THE BAPTIST CATECHISM

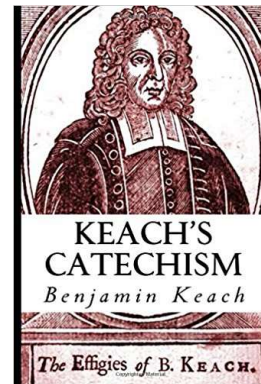
Week 2: Introduction

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WHAT IS THE BAPTIST CATECHISM?

- *It's History*
- Popularity
- Common Name



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- *It's History*

- Continued Use

- Spurgeon: "I am persuaded that the use of a good Catechism in all our families will be a great safeguard against the increasing errors of the times, and therefore I have compiled this little manual from the Westminster Assembly's and Baptist Catechisms, for the use of my own church and congregation. Those who use it in their families or classes must labor to explain the sense; but the words should be carefully learned by heart, for they will be understood better as years pass. May the Lord bless my dear friends and their families evermore..."



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- Spurgeon wrote: "In matters of doctrine you will find orthodox congregations frequently change to heterodoxy in the course of thirty or forty years, and it is because too often there has been no catechizing of the children in the essential doctrines of the Gospel. For my part, I am more and more persuaded that the study of a good Scriptural catechism is of infinite value to our children. Even if the youngsters do not understand all the questions and answers...still yet, abiding in their memories, it will be of infinite service when the time of understanding comes, to have known these very excellent, wise and judicious definitions of the things of God."



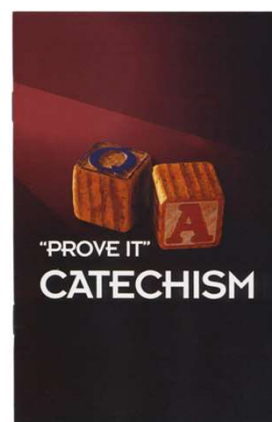
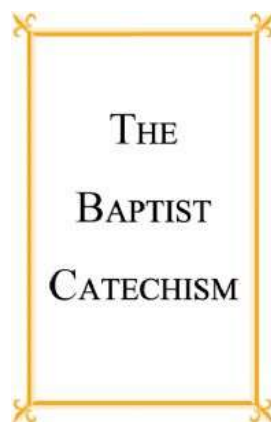
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- *It's History*

- American Import
- Various Versions
- Loss of Catechism Instruction



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HOW WILL WE STUDY THE BAPTIST CATECHISM?

- I. Questions 1-7: Part One—Introductory Questions
 - A. Questions 1-2: God
 - B. Questions 3-4: Man
 - C. Questions 5-7: Scripture



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- II. Questions 8-44: Part Two—The Christian Faith
 - A. Questions 8-16: Doctrine of God
 - B. Questions 17-24: Doctrine of Man
 - C. Questions 25-32: Doctrine of Christ
 - D. Questions 33-42: Doctrine of Salvation
 - E. Questions 43-44: Doctrine of Last Things



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IV. Questions 45-115: Part Three—The Christian Life

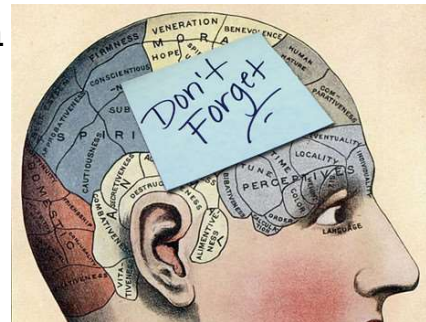
- A. Questions 45-87: Life According to the Law
- B. Questions 88-90: Life Under the Law
- C. Questions 91-93: Life In the Gospel
- D. Questions 94-105: Life Through the Means of Grace
- E. Questions 106-115: Life With the Support of Prayer



HOW WILL WE STUDY THE BAPTIST CATECHISM?

▪ *Practical Tips*

- Memorize by Repetition and with Exact Words
- Include Scripture Memory
- Schedule a Daily Time



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▪ *Practical Tips*

- Set Goals
- Establish Accountability
- Use Resources
- Pray



QUESTIONS?

