DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

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• The church is a _____ institution

• The church is a <u>divine</u> institution

The church is a sacred

 The church is a sacred assembly

 Christ himself gathers, builds and preserves the church through the _____ of the

• Christ himself gathers, builds and preserves the church through the <u>preaching</u> of the <u>gospel</u>

• The church is the ____ where God dwells by his Spirit

• The church is the <u>house</u> where God dwells by his Spirit

• The church is the ______
people of God

• The church is the <u>covenant</u> people of God

There is only one _____
church, which encompasses ____ nations and ____ God's ___
people throughout ____ ages

 There is only one <u>universal</u> church, which encompasses <u>all</u> nations and <u>all</u> God's people throughout <u>all</u> ages

The church is both _____ and

• The church is both <u>visible</u> and <u>invisible</u>

• The invisible church is the _____

• The invisible church is the elect

The visible church is all who
 the true religion, with
 their

• The visible church is all who profess the true religion, with their children

LESSON 2

CHRIST: KING AND HEAD OF THE CHURCH

WHO IS NOT THE HEAD?

- Pope
- Bishops
- IRS
- General Assembly
- Presbytery
- Session
- Pastor
- Us

CHRIST

- Fully God
- Fully Man
- Redeemer of his people

FULLY GOD

- Eternal
- 2nd person of the Trinity
- Created the world

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. --John 1

FULLY HUMAN

- Conceived of the Holy Spirit
- Born of the virgin Mary
- Temped in all ways like us
- Never sinned
- Suffered
- Died

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1

REDEEMER

- Satisfied the demands of the law
- Died in our place
- Paid the price for our sins
- Rose from the dead
- Ascended to heaven

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

KING

- King: Rules, Subdues, Defends
- David's throne
- Universal Throne: Eternity Past
- Universal Throne: Reward

RULES, SUBDUES, DEFENDS

Q. 26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

DAVID'S THRONE

•2 Samuel 7:12-16

12 When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.

2 Samuel 7

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Colossians 1

⁵ ... Christ Jesus ... made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

- Philippians 2

⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 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, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Philippians 2

HEAD

- Federal head
- Husband/Wife
- Head/Body

FEDERAL HEAD

- · Adam
 - Guilt, Condemnation, Curse

- Jesus
 - Righteousness, Justification,
 Deliverance

Q. 10. How did God create man?

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Q. 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

FEDERAL HEAD: JESUS

Q. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a redeemer.

FEDERAL HEAD: JESUS

Q. 21. Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

- Romans 5

HUSBAND

Jesus has laid down his life for us

 We are to submit, honor, and obey

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

ORGANISM

 Jesus is the head of church in an organic way

· We must be in union with him.

⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

- John 15

CHURCH

- Divine Institution
- Sacred Assembly
- God's House
- Covenant People
- Universal
- One
- Visible/Invisible

CHURCH: CHRIST'S BODY

- Different Gifts
- Single Purpose
- One Body

CHURCH: CHRIST'S BRIDE

- Beloved
- Being Sanctified

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

- Ephesians 5

HOW?

- By His Sovereign Decree
- By His Word
- By His Spirit
- Through Officers
- Through Governing Bodies
- Through Each of Us

WHAT WE CAN DO

- Have confidence in Christ
- Submit to Christ's Lordship
- Let God's Word change you
- Walk in the Spirit
- Submit to God's delegated authorities

WHAT WE CAN DO

- Pray for, assist, and hold accountable your pastors and ruling elders
- Be wise in choosing officers
- Lead Biblically in other spheres
- Aspire to church office
- Be a Presbyterian

DIFFERENT FORMS

- Episcopal
- Presbyterian
- Congregational

LESSON 3

THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

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REDEEMER

- Obeyed all of the law all of the time
- Died on the cross for the sins of his people
- Rose from the dead
- Ascended to heaven