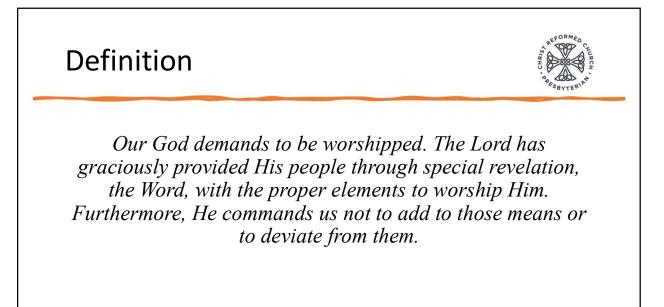
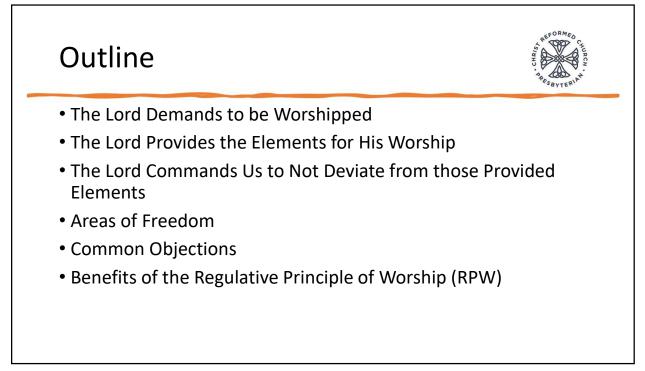
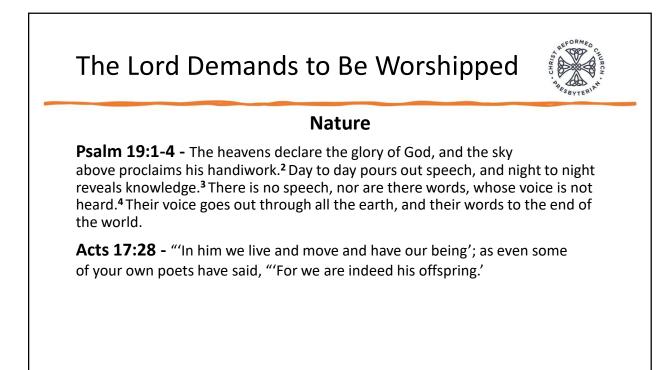


Quotes "God disapproves of all modes of worship not expressly sanctioned by his Word" - John Calvin ("On the Necessity of Reforming the Church")







The Lord Demands to Be Worshipped



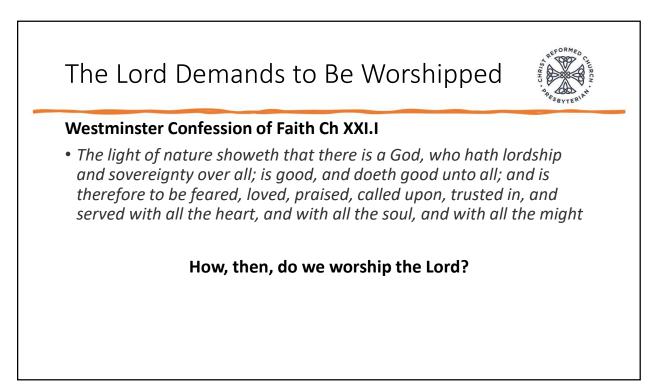
Scripture

Psalm 19:7-8 – The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes"

Deuteronomy 6:4 - ⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:13 - ¹³ It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.

Romans 12:1 - I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.



The Lord Provides the Means for His Worship



Old Testament Examples

Genesis 2:16-17 - ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Exodus 25:9 - ⁹ Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

- The phrase "as the Lord commanded" is repeated 18 times after the golden calf incident
- The same phrase is repeated 14 times in the book of Leviticus
- This pattern is pointed out by the author of Hebrews in 8:5

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The Lord Provides the Means for Worship

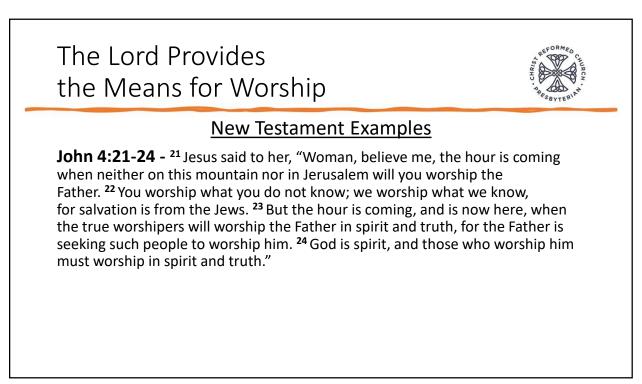


Old Testament Examples

Deuteronomy 12:11 – ⁸ "You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, ⁹ for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹⁰ But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, ¹¹ then to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the Lord.

Psalm 132:13-14 - For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: ¹⁴ "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

The Lord Provides the Means for Worship <u>Old Testament Examples</u> **1 Kings 6:37-38 -** ³⁷ In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid, in the month of Ziv. ³⁸ And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its parts, and according to all its specifications. He was seven years in building it. **1 Chronicles 28:11, 19 -** ¹¹ Then David gave Solomon his son the plan of the vestibule of the temple...¹⁹ "All this he made clear to me in writing from the hand of the Lord, all the work to be done according to the plan."



Means of Grace

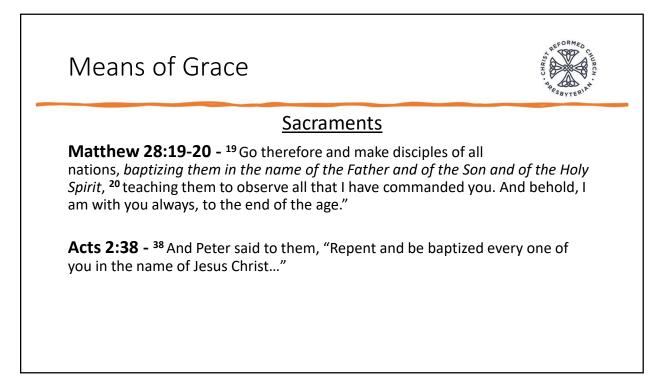


<u>Prayer</u>

1 Timothy 2:1-2, 8 - First of all, then, I urge that *supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people*, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way... ⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling

Philippians 4:6 - ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Matthew 6:5-13 - ⁵ "And when you pray... ⁷ "And when you pray... ⁹ Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven..."



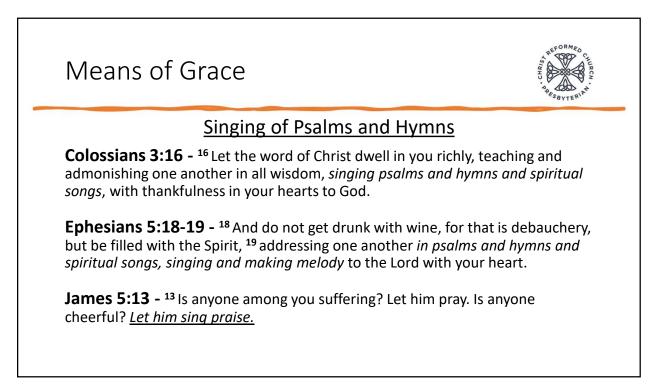
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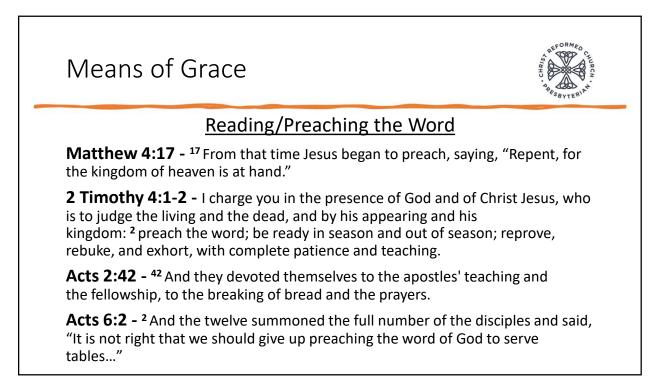
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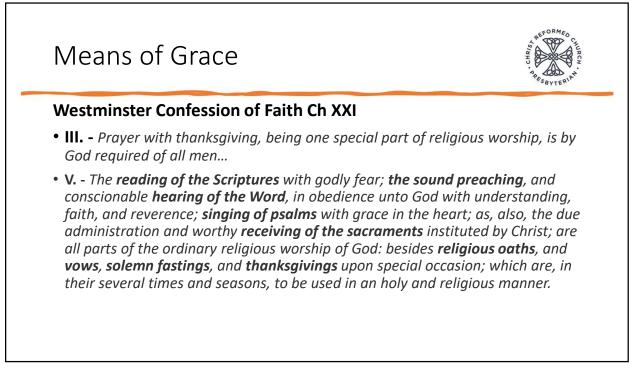
Luke 22:15-20 - ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer...¹⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

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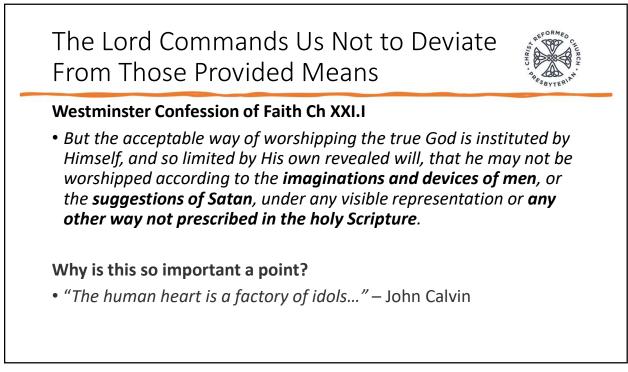


Means of Grace <u>Reading/Preaching the Word</u> Acts 15:21 - ²¹ For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues." Revelation 1:3 - ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. Matthew 4:4 - "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"









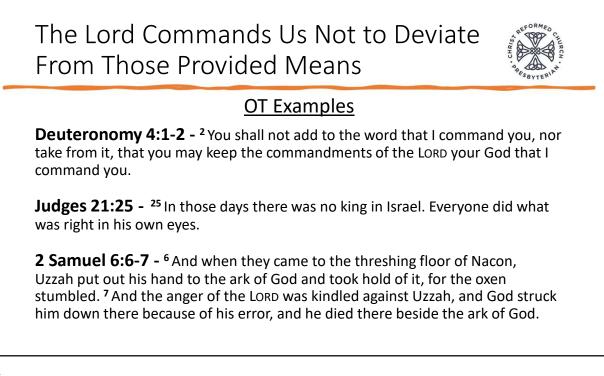
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OT Examples

Exodus 20:4-5 - ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

Leviticus 10:1-3 - Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them. ² And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. ³ Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD has said: 'Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.'"



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OT Examples

Jeremiah 19:4-5 - ⁴ Because the people have forsaken me and have profaned this place by making offerings in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers nor the kings of Judah have known; and because they have filled this place with the blood of innocents, ⁵ and have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, *which I did not command or decree*, nor did it come into my mind—

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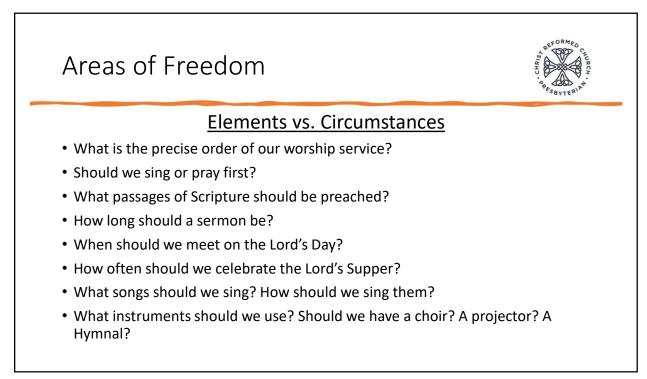


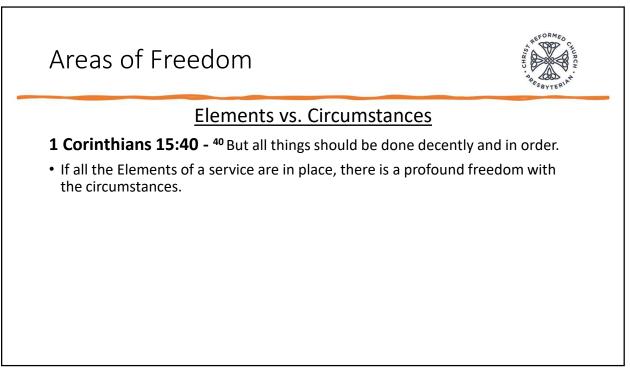
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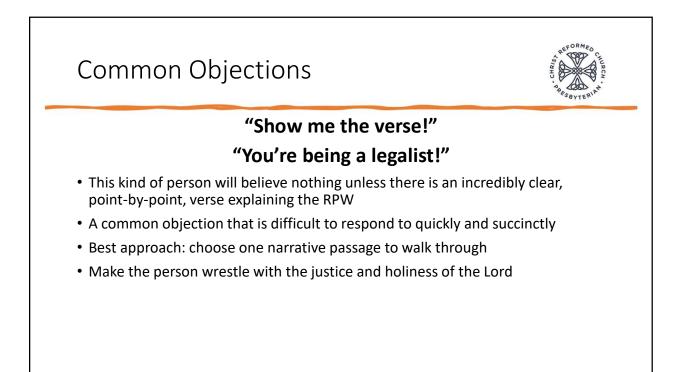
Matt 15:7-9 - ⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:⁸ "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;⁹ in vain do they worship me, *teaching as doctrines the commandments of men*.'"

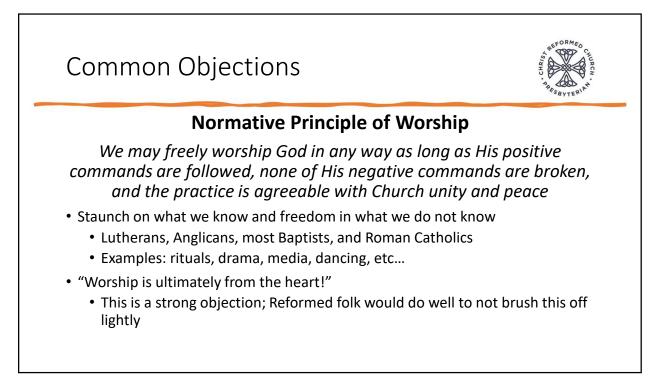
Colossians 2:20-23 - ²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations...according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in *promoting self-made religion* and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

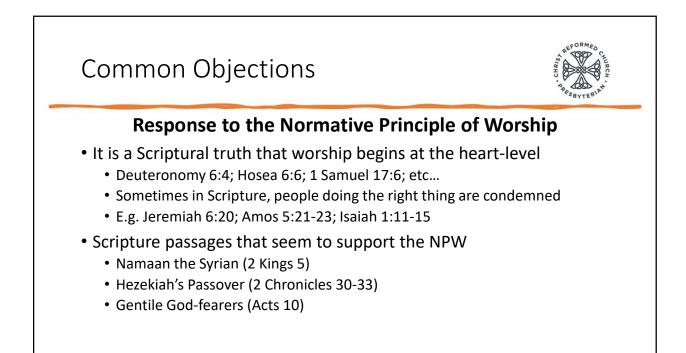
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From Those Provided Means<u>NT Examples</u>Romans 10:17 - 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word
of Christ.These are the reasons we do not deviate from the Means of Grace
in our Worship service.

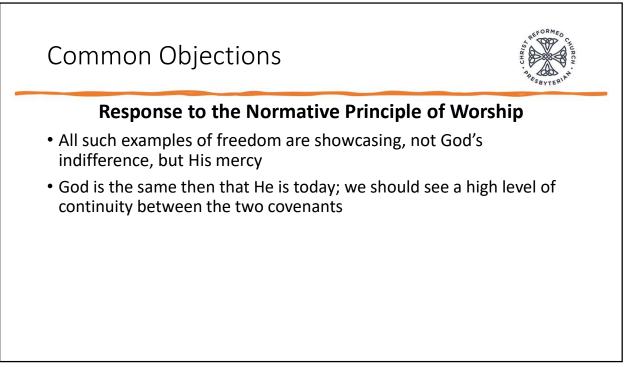


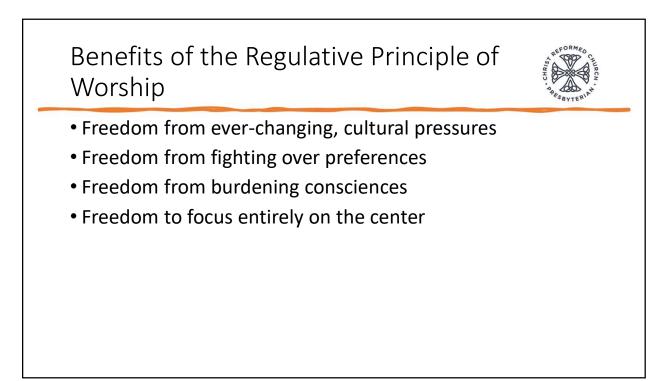












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