

We Cling to This Foundation

Belgic Confession, Article 23

1. WHY ARE WE HERE? We are _____ to gather a second time each Lord's Day because of...
 - a. ...the importance of our _____.
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.... (Romans 12:2a)
 - b. ...the value of _____, passed on generationally.
 - c. ...the _____ of using the Reformed confessions.

2. THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION: We are made right with God as a _____ of his free grace, received by faith alone.
 - a. Faith alone is the instrument by which we _____ justification.
...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. (Romans 3:23-25a)
 - b. Being justified means that our sins are _____.
Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. (Psalm 32:1)
 - c. Being justified means that we have been given the _____ of Christ in union with him.
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

3. OUR RESPONSE TO THIS GOOD NEWS: We confess that "we cling to this foundation" – beautiful language that emphasizes both the promises of God and our _____ of faith.
 - a. Worship: All theology leads to _____.
 - b. Humility: This doctrine gives us a humble orientation toward God, _____, and the world.
 - c. Confidence: "leaning and resting" on Christ makes us confident that are _____ in the presence of our Creator.
But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem... (Hebrews 12:22a)
 - d. Enjoying this fellowship with God is the _____.