Sabbath School

Topic: WCF 1.1.2: Supernatural Revelation: Content, Modes, Necessity, and Cessation

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WCF 1.1

Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence, do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable¹; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation²; [1] therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his Church³; [2] and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing⁴; which maketh the holy Scripture to be most necessary⁵; [3] those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased⁶.

Related Texts

Westminster Larger Catechism Q.3. What is the word of God?

A. The holy scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

Q.5. What do the scriptures principally teach?

A: The scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Q.6. What do the scriptures make known of God?

A. The scriptures make known what God is, the persons in the Godhead, his decrees, and the execution of his decrees.

Q.91. What is the duty which God requireth of man?

A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will.

¹ Rm. 2.14-15; Ps. 19.1-3, Rm. 1.19-20, Rm. 1.32 with Rm. 2.1

² 1Cor. 1.21; 1Cor. 2.13-14

³ Heb. 1.1

⁴ Prov. 22.19-21; Lk. 1.3-4; Rm. 15.4; Mt. 4.4, 7, 10; Isa. 8.19-20

⁵ 2Tim. 3.15; 2Pet. 1.19

⁶ Heb. 1.1-3.