

Theology Simply Explained — WSC85 “What God Requires of Us to Escape His Wrath and Curse”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 85—especially explaining that though justification is entirely by Christ’s merit and sacrifice, and everything that we do in other parts of redemption are sustained by grace, the things that God has commanded/ordained for us to do are still absolutely necessary.

Q85. What doth God require of us that we may escape His wrath and curse due to us for sin? **To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.**

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Catechism question this week is what does god require of us? That we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin. And the answer is that to escape the wrath in cursive god due to us for sin. God requires of us faith in jesus christ.

Repentance unto life. With the diligent, use of all the outward means whereby christ communicated to us. The benefits of redemption. Now, this is an important question.

Now, this is an important question. Because the fact of the matter is that God, does everything To save us from our sin, doesn't he? He provides all of the atonement that takes away since guilt. It provides all of the righteousness. That makes us right with him these things, he provides in Christ.

He provides. Life by his spirit so that we're able to believe. Even in our sanctification. We are only ever to disabled to do anything by his grace. Working out salvation with fear and trembling. Has done because he works in us both the will and to work according to his good pleasure.

He provides everything. And so there's an incorrect and fleshly way of saying, well then what i do doesn't matter. And the reason it's incorrect is because god tells us to do stuff. Yes, he has to give us life so that we can believe but we still have to believe.

No one is saved without faith. No one is justified without faith. And no one sees the lord, no one enters glory without holiness. And he is appointed, the means. By, which he ordinarily works in us by the work of his holy spirit. And so we absolutely have things that we need and have to do.

And the fact that we have to do them by god's grace in us, Doesn't to make it any less necessary. That we believe or that we repent. Or that we attend upon his means. It just means we do all of those things. Independence upon him. And if we love him, and if we think he is wise and we love his righteousness and we love his salvation, We're not going to say, well, and i can do whatever i want.

Those who get saved are going to get saved. And there's no get saved. You're not going to get saved and nothing. You did change that. So, No, that's Pretty good indication that you're thinking and operating out of the flash and should be crying out to god, for mercy to regenerate you.

So that you may believe And so we're going to be hearing and subsequent catechism questions. What is? Faith in jesus christ. What is Repentance unto life. Or as we heard it summarized in acts 20 verse 21. Um, which the corresponding question, a large cat larger catechism, actually quotes. Repentance toward god and faith toward our lord, jesus christ.

And what are? The outward means whereby christ, communicate it through us gives us. The benefits. That our hours by his redeeming us. So we're going to have questions on what those things are. And how diligently how to use diligently. Uh, the means of grace etc. But it is important for us to see.

That god has given us things that he commends us to do. That have an absolute consequent. Necessity. That if god has determined, That this is how he's going to save us. Than we do actually have to do those things to be saved. Even though he is the one who's sustains are doing those things, By his grace.