Westminster Confession of Faith

Introduction & Historical Overview

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II. WHY is it important to KNOW what you BELIEVE about God?

What is a CREED??

What is a CONFESSION??

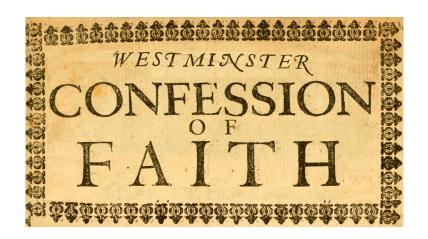
What is a CATECHISM??

THE APOSTLES CREED BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY MAKER, OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LOKD, WHO WAS CONCEINED BY THE HOLY GHOST BORN OF THE VIRGIN MAKY SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED, HE DESCENDED INTO HELL, THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD, HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SITTED AT THE RIGHTHAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, FROM THENCE HE SHALL COMETO JUDGETHE QUICK AND THE DEAD BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS THE FORGINENESS OF SINS THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING AMEN. Circle the places where it says

Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold.

"I BELIEVE"

Proverbs 8:10



How do we USE the Confession?

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III. HISTORY leading to the Westminster Confession

King Henry VIII

(1509-1547)

- Wanted to have a BOY (heir) but wasn't able until his 3rd wife
- His son ______ became king at 9 yrs old (lived until he was 16). He reformed the Church of England.
- was queen for 45 years.
 She was Reformed, but still didn't give true freedom of worship.



King James I

(1603-1625)

- Was king of Scotland AND England
- Was raised a PRESBYTERIAN (but he wasn't really!).
- Best known for the _____
 _____ translation of the Bible
- Stood against the PURITANS, who wanted to bring the Church into conformity with the Bible.



King Charles I

(1625-1649)

- King James' son
- The Church of England had been reformed, but Charles reversed it and brought in "High Church"
- Severe _____ of Puritans
- Called Parliament to raise taxes for his war against Scotland



IV. The CREATION of the Westminster Assembly

- King Charles wouldn't let the people worship according to the of God
- The English Parliament wanted the people to KNOW God, and LOVE God, and WORSHIP God



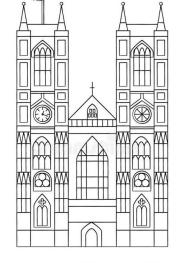
of Faith.

RESULT: English

Civil War

(1642 - 1646)

- Another RESULT?? Parliament agreed (with Scotland and Ireland) to "reform" the English Church according to God's Word.
- The group responsible for the reforms were called the **WESTMINSTER** ASSEMBLY. They met at
- There were 150 pastors and theologians who met for more than five years - their MOST IMPORTANT document was called...the



- WESTMINSTER ABBEY -