

Theology Simply Explained — CC111 “Knowing and Loving the God Who Communicates Himself”

Pastor walks his children through Children’s Catechism question 111—especially explaining how hallowing God’s Name means receiving His communication of Himself to us and loving and honoring Him.

Q111. What do we pray for in the first petition? ***That God’s Name may be honored by us and all men.***

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Sophia your children’s. Catechism, question. This week is number 111. What do we pray for in the first petition? And the answer is That God’s name may be honored by us and all men.

Now, the wonderful thing about this petition and The answer to this catechism question is That God has given us his name. That is he has made himself known to us. He’s given us a way, not just to think about him, but to interact with him.

When someone comes up to you and says hi, my name is whatever they’re making themselves known to you. Not just so that you will know about them but so that you can know then so that you can interact with them. So, God’s name is for us, especially all those ways by which he has communicated himself to us, and there are many of them Now there are some particular words that he has given us as names or titles for himself.

Big one being. Uh well at least until the Lord Jesus comes the big one being. Yahweh, which is a contraction of what he says at the bush with Moses. When he says, I am that I am And that was the Covenant name of God. God called it his Memorial name.

So this is how to remember me, this is how to call me until God sends his son into the world and he makes us To know him in his son. The Lord Jesus. And at that time, when we are baptized into the name of God, we’re baptized into the Triune name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

And so we know God and we know him in his three persons and he has made himself, the Triune God has made himself and his trinity known to us especially in his son. Our Lord Jesus. That’s why sometimes we’ll say, we’re baptized into the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our fathers and Holy Ghost.

As they were baptized into Christ Jesus. We take both of those ways of talking from the Bible. And God has made himself known to us and gives us to interact with him in many ways. And we should take them all seriously. We thought about this when we were thinking about the third commandment and not bearing God’s name in vain whether on our lips or in our lives, Um, and In anticipation of the Sun.

The word who was in the beginning with God, and was God The word who has made flesh and became the Lord Jesus. Um, Psalm 138 tells us About the word, the scriptures now Christ is not Um, the scriptures. We shouldn’t mistake the Bible for Jesus himself. It’s an expression.

The Bible is an expression. Of Christ to us by his First Peter 1 tells us that the spirit of Christ carried along the prophets who wrote the Old Testament books and of course, the spirit of Christ carried along the apostles prophets and evangelists Who wrote the New Testament books?

Uh, for us. So we shouldn’t make the mistake of thinking that the Bible is Jesus. So you don’t trust in the Bible to save you from your sins. But you treasure the Bible as the expression of Christ to you. You know, it is his very words by his holy spirit so that when we read the Bible, it is as much Jesus talking to us as it will be one day when He returns and we are resurrected and And glorified bodies.

We are actually with Jesus and hear him say words. In a similar way to how you are hearing me. Say words now, And so, Uh, the Bible being God’s word written to Uh, is is honored by God. Uh, The great way in which he makes himself known to us because of its connection to his son.

And his son, the Lord Jesus is the great way that God makes himself known to us. In fact, There was once a disciple who asked Jesus, To show them the father. And Jesus says, have I been with you so long Philip and you still do not know me. He who has seen me, has seen the father And so, the Bible being Associated with Christ being known to us as the word of God.

Uh, God gives it a very special place and he says, I have exalted my word above all my name. Uh, he says that in Psalm 138 verse 2, Uh so what are we praying? When we pray that God’s name may be honored by us and all men. We are praying that God would make us to know him And that God would make us to know him rightly.

That we would know him as holy that we would know him as glorious and therefore If you know him as holy and glorious, what do you do? You praise him you worship him. You pray to him. That’s one of the reasons why this is the first petition, you trust him you love him, you obey him?

And so, all of these things are parked of hallowing him. God is the only one, the only thing. And, of course, the only one who is from all eternity, everything is about his glory. The reason there is anything is in order to glorify him, And the reason he made everything, Because so that he could he would make us and save us and adopt us as his own dear children.

And we would be the little brothers and sisters of the Lord Jesus Christ. And we would know God and know his love for us. And we would love him. And so, That is the plan for everything, the kingdom coming and the doing of his will. Those things that are going to come in the next petitions?

Those actually serve the hallowing of God’s name that we would know him and love him. We would worship him and Obey him and belong to him. And so, when you pray Hallowed be thy name, you pray that God would get his Jew that which is his right but also that God would get his desire.

That he has. Made all things so that he might redeem us and that knowing and loving And adoring that the father and the son, and the spirit have had within the godhead from all eternity. In fact, the word have hat and phrase have had is not really good there.

That the father Son and the spirit have from all eternity in himself as God that we get to be brought into that. And just as Jesus says, Holy Father, in John 17, when he’s praying to him and praying about what the father and the son have desired and planned from before the world began to save people, that would be brought into fellowship with God.

Not only then would Jesus know God as the Holy Father. But when God is done, With his redeeming work, which was the whole reason for his creating work.

And the whole reason for all of his Providence, when God is done with his redeeming work, we will know him. As the Holy Father will know the father is the Holy Father.

We'll know Jesus as our savior, our elder brother, our creator, our bridegroom, the bridegroom of the church will know the Holy Spirit as the one who has always proceeded from the father and the son and always accomplished everything that the That the father and the Have desired and of course the spirit Desiring with them.

There's not two different or three different desires and God there's just the one God and we will be brought into Fellowship with God himself. And it will not be a silly Fellowship. Or. A light Fellowship. We will know him as holy Will know the Holy Father will know the.

Holy son will know the Holy When we address the father, when we come to the father, Through the By the help of the spirit. We should we should know that. The father is. Holy desire. Um that his name would be hallowed. So all of those things knowing and loving the God, who communicates himself to us Uh, and not just us.

But all whom he is redeeming unto that, we are Desiring that that That, that plan. Would be completed that God would finish that work. So, what do we pray for in the first petition? We pray that God's name may be honored by us. And all men.