

## **INTRODUCTION**

- A. ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH & LIFE** (*Westminster Confession & RPTestimony, Larger Catechism Q.135,136; 141,142; Shorter Catechism, Q.68,69; 74-81; reformedvoice.com outlines & audio of sermons in this series*)
- B. REQUESTS FOR ISSUES, TOPICS, PASSAGES, ETC.** (send to [oswegorpc@hotmail.com](mailto:oswegorpc@hotmail.com))
- C. OF THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS** (*WCF&RPT, chp.26; see Principles of Conduct, Murray, chp.9, Dynamic; also, Redemption Accomplished and Applied, Murray, part 2, chp.9, Union with Christ; both on table*)
- D. CHURCH, COMMUNION, SACRAMENTS** (chps.25-27)

## **I. THE TRUTHS OF THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS**

- A. SAINTS: MADE HOLY** (Rom1:7; Eph1:1 /Lev8:6,10 w/Acts2:38; 1Pt3:21; 1Jn2:20 /1Cor6:11; 2Th2:13; 1Pt2:5f)
- B. COMMUNION: COMMON UNION** (Rom.6:5; 1Cor.12:13; Gal.3:27f; Eph.2:5f)
- C. COMMUNION WITH CHRIST: ALL TOGETHER** (*union with Christ; Rom.6:3f; 8:17; 1Cor.6:11; Eph.1:22; 2:5f; 3:16f; 4:15f; 5:23f; Col.2:10f; 3:18,20; 1Pt.4:13f*)
- D. COMMUNION WITH CHRIST-INS: ALL TOGETHER** (Rom.12:4f; Gal.3:28; Eph.2:5f,16; 11f,19; 4:25f; 1Jn.1:7; see “one anothers”; e.g., Jn.13:34(etc!); Eph.4:22; 1Th.5:11)
  - 1. *communion in heavenly things* (Acts 2:42; Heb.10:24f; 12:18f,22f; see 1Cor.10:17; 11:17f; 12:7,25; Eph.4:1f,12f; 1Pt.4:10f)
  - 2. *communion in earthly things* (Acts 2:44; 4:32; 5:1f; 11:29; Phil.4:15; see Jms.2:16; 1Jn.3:17; Eph.4:28)
  - 3. *communion in freedom* (1Cor.10:23f,29; Gal.5:1f,13f; Rom.14:1f; 15:1f)
  - 4. *freely & fully given* (Dt.15:7; Lk.6:38; 2Cor.8:2f; 9:6f)
  - 5. *local & global* (Mt.25:40; 1Tm.5:8; Gal.6:10; Acts 1:8; 1Cor.16:1f; Heb.13:3)
- E. LIMITATIONS**
  - 1. *no participation in Christ’s unique properties* (Is.42:8f; 48:11f; Col.1:15f; 2:9f)
  - 2. *no participation in a brother’s unique properties* (Acts2:44f; 4:32f; 5:4; Eph4:28 /1Th4:6; 1K.21:3f)
  - 3. *no participation in a brother’s unique duties & freedoms* (Rom.14:4,1ff; 1Cor.10:29,24; Gal.5:13f; 1Pt.2:16; see Lk.17:3; Col.3:13)

## **II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THESE TRUTHS**

- A. BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST!** (Acts 2:38; see Rom.6:4f; 1Cor.12:13; Eph.2:5f; Col.2:10f)
- B. BE A SAINT: BE HOLY AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS HOLY** (Lev.8:6,10 w/Acts 2:38; 1Pt.1:15f; 2:9f)
- C. FORBEAR, IN HOPE, THE SUFFERINGS OF UNION WITH CHRIST** (Mt.5:10f; Rom.8:17f; 1Pt.4:12f; 3:14f)
- D. CONFESS YOUR COMMON UNION IN CHRIST** (1Cor.12:13f; Eph.2:5; 4:1f)
- E. GIVE & RECEIVE IN COMMUNION WITH HIS BODY** (1Cor.12:7,25; Eph.4:16; 1Pt.4:10f; see Gal.6:10; Acts 1:8; 1Cor.16:1f)
- F. GIVE GENEROUSLY, RECEIVE HUMBLLY** (Lk6:38; Acts2:44f; 4:32f; 2Co8:1f; 9:6f; Eph4:28; Phil.4:15)
- G. GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST, GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST-INS** (Eph2:16; 4:13,12f /1Pt2:2; 2Tm3:16f)