



# of Justification

Chapter 11 in the *Second London Confession of Faith*

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# Introduction: Review

“the article of justification is said to be the article of the standing or falling of the church” – Johann Heinrich Alsted (in 1618)





# **Introduction: Review**

- **Scripture speaks of God as eternal and the application of salvation as in time**
  - **Rom 8:29-30, 2 Cor 5:19, Rom 4:25 ff.**
- **Related to Creator/creature distinction**
- **Appointed in eternity, accomplished in time, applied in life**



# **Introduction: Looking Forward**

- **Ongoing Reconciliation**
- **Position of Certainty**
- **Fatherly Correction**



# **Main Point**

- **Justification makes God our Father**



# Ongoing Reconciliation

- Paragraph Structure
- Judicial Forgiveness
- Fatherly Forgiveness





# **Position of Certainty**

- Interwoven with Chapter 17**
- Prevents Presumption and Legalism**
- Based on Chapters 2, 3, and 8**



# **Fatherly Correction**

- **Our Father's Love**
- **Our Father's Example**





# Conclusion

- **Orthodox Catechism #1**
  - **What is my only comfort in life and death?**
  - **. . . without the will of my heavenly Father, not so much as a hair may fall from my head; yea all things must serve for my safety:**



# Conclusion

- **Orthodox Catechism #107**
  - **What doth the Preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?**
  - **The Preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, "Our Father which art in Heaven", teaches us to draw near to God with all holy Reverence and Confidence, as Children to a Father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others**



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