

Sunday Evening, April 23, 2023
WCF Chapter XXI - Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath-day

I. The light of nature shows that there is a God who has lordship and sovereignty over all, that he is good and does good to all, and that he ought therefore to be feared, loved, praised, prayed to, trusted in, and served with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshiping the true God has been instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshiped according to the imaginations or devisings of men, or the suggestions of Satan, or under any visible representation, or any other way not commanded in Holy Scripture.

II. Religious worship is to be given to God alone—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is not to be given to angels, saints, or any other creature. And since the Fall, worship is not to be given except through a mediator, nor is it to be given through any mediator other than Christ.

I. All People Know They Are to Worship God Sect 1A

A. God Reveals Himself Truly in General Revelation Rom. 1:18–21, 32; Ps. 19:1–4

1. General Revelation Is a Universal Knowledge of God Rom. 1:18–21

2. General Revelation Is an Internal Knowledge of God Rom. 1:19

3. General Revelation Is Reliable Knowledge of God Rom. 1:19, 21

4. General Revelation Is Perpetual Knowledge of God Rom. 1:20

5. General Revelation Is Theological Knowledge of God Rom. 1:20

6. General Revelation Is External Knowledge of God Rom. 1:20

B. So Men and Women Know God Truly Rom. 1:20

II. All People Are to Worship the *Triune* God Sect 2A

III. All People Are to Worship the Triune God *Alone* Sect 2B Matt. 4:10

A. Not to Angels Rev. 22:8, 9; 19:10; Col. 2:18

B. Not to Holy People/saints Ac. 14:14, 15; Ac. 10:25, 26

IV. All People Are to Worship Through the Mediator Christ Alone Jn. 14:6

A. Jesus Claims to Be the Way—Reconciliation to God the Father

1. What Is Our Need? We Do Not Know the Way Rom. 3:11; Jn. 3:20

2. What Is The Answer? Jesus is the Way Jn. 10:9; 1 Tim. 2:5

B. Jesus Claims to Be the Truth—Revelation from God the Father

1. What Is Our Need? We Do Not Know the Truth Eph. 5:8; Col. 1:13; 1 Jn. 1:6

2. What Is The Answer? Jesus is the Truth Eph. 1:13

- C. Jesus Claims to Be the Life— Regeneration by God the Father
 - 1. What Is Our Need? We Do Not have Life Eph. 2:1; Jn. 3:3
 - 2. What Is the Answer? Jesus Is the Life Jn. 11:25; Jn. 5:24

- D. Jesus Claims To Be The One and Only Way Ac. 4:12

QUOTES

“All men know God. Every fact of the universe has God’s stamp of ownership indelibly and with large letters engraved upon it.”
Van til, *Common Grace*

“Tolerance is the virtue of a man without convictions.”
Chesterton

“Make no mistake. We as Bible-believing evangelical Christians are locked in a battle. This is not a friendly gentleman’s discussion. It is a life and death conflict between the spiritual hosts of wickedness and those who claim the name of Christ.”
Francis Schaeffer

“Making Christ Lord in our lives means taking a stand in very direct and practical ways against the world spirit of our age as it rolls along claiming to be autonomous, crushing all that we cherish in its path.”
Francis Schaeffer

“Nothing is fixed, nothing is permanent, nothing is transcendent. Everything is in a state of total relativity and perennial flux. There is no correspondence between language and reality; indeed there is no ‘essential’ reality. What appears to be true is nothing more than what the power structure, the ‘hegemonic’ authority in society, deems to be true. . . . In the leading professional journals today, the words *truth*, *objectivity*, *reason* and *reality* generally appear with quotation marks around them, suggesting how specious these concepts are.”
Gertrude Himmelfarb in *The American Scholar*

Andrei Sakharov, who gave the Soviets the atomic bomb, said, “I always thought the most powerful weapon in the world was the bomb. I have changed my mind. The most powerful weapon in the world is not the bomb. It is the truth.”

“At the core of our beings are imagining creatures. It is not possible to be neutral on this issue: we either reflect the Creator, or something in the creation. . . . All humans have been created to be reflecting beings, and they will reflect whatever they are ultimately committed to, whether to the true God or some other object in the created order. What people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or restoration.”
G K Beale