

The Principles of Christian Religion

A Study through the Baptist
Catechism using Benjamin Beddome's
Scriptural Exposition

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The Law and our Inability:

“I am the LORD...”

LORD – the proper name of God.

The Law and our Inability:

Exodus 3:13-14; Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’ What shall I say to them?” And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

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Exodus 3:15; And God, furthermore, said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.”

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“I am the LORD your God...”

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The LORD makes Himself known by this memorial-name to very specific people in the OT.

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Abram (Abraham) – Gen 15:7

And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.”

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Jacob (Israel) – Gen 28:13

And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac”

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Moses – Ex 6:2

God spoke further to Moses and said to him, “I am the LORD”

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The “sons of Israel” – Ex 6:6

“Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you...’

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Pharaoh – Ex 7:17

“Thus says the LORD, ‘By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, I will strike the water that is in the Nile with the staff that is in my hand...’

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1. Sovereignly identifies Himself to whomever He wishes.
2. Sovereignly saves whomever He wishes.

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And to obedience; Jer 7:22-23

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Q. 49 – What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

A. The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us that because God is the LORD, and our God and redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all His commandments.

The Law and our Inability:

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¶ 1b. Yahweh is our God

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Both Gentile and Jew have this obligation;

Rom 3:29

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We are guilty of horrid ingratitude and great impiety if we do not obey God;

Mal 3:8

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¶ 3. Application – Consider Your Sin

For I know my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.

Ps 51:3

Do you think of your sin (disobedience)
this way?

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¶ 3. Application – Consider Your Savior

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Cor 5:21

Do you think of your Savior this way?

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¶ 3. Application – Confess Your Sin

If we **confess** our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Do you spend time in prayer **confessing your sin to God?**

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“Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.”

Matt 10:32

Do you spend time evangelizing and confessing your Savior to men?

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¶ 3. Application – Conduct Yourselves Like Worthy Churchmen & Churchwomen

Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
Phil 1:27

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¶ 3. Application – Conduct Yourselves In Fear Out There In The World

And if you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each man's work, **conduct yourselves in fear** during the time of your stay *upon earth*;

1 Pet 1:17

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¶ 3. Application – Obey God

Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but *what matters* is the keeping of the commandments of God.

1 Cor 7:19