

¹⁴Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them. ¹⁶When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, ¹⁷that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore *our* sicknesses." ¹⁸And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side. ¹⁹Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." ²⁰And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head." ²¹Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ²²But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."—[Matthew 8](#).

Sunday: **What does v. 14 tell us about Peter's marital status? Give thanks** for God's kindness to older members and adherents in Lisbon, N.Y., RPC who have experienced His care and healing from surgeries and injuries in the past several months; **give special thanks** that Lowell and Helen Smith were able to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. **Give thanks** that Keith Dewell has accepted the ministerial call of Washington (Ia.) RPC; **pray** for the move of the Dewell family.

Monday: **How quickly was the woman healed? Pray** for the start of the school year at Indiana University; **pray** that God would use Bloomington, Ind., RPC in outreach and service to the campus. **Pray** for Nantes (France) RP Fellowship, especially the ongoing building renovations.

Tuesday: **What does it mean to be demon-possessed? Pray** for the senior citizens at Salt and Light (Longmont, Colo.) RPC who need to make changes in their current housing and the tough decisions involved in probable downsizing. **Pray** for Anugraha (Bangalore, India) RPC, including its new evening worship services. **Pray** for Clarinda (Ia.) RPC and Pastor Jonathan Haney.

Wednesday: **Does v. 17 mean that Jesus always heals people? (See II Corinthians 12:7-10.) Pray** that visitors who have joined Clarinda, Iowa, RPC for worship would be led to unite with the congregation in their service to the Lord. **Pray** for the three people who are in process of joining Stranraer (Scotland) RPC.

Thursday: **Why did Jesus leave rather than ministering to the multitudes? Pray** that Orlando, Fla., RPC's elderly members will feel God's powerful presence in their lives. **Pray** for Iglesia Luz de Vida (Light of Life Church) in Ecuador. **Pray** for Woodstock (Northern Ireland) RPC's Friday night outreach.

Friday: **What is Jesus' point in v. 20? Pray** for continued fruit and follow-up opportunities from Laramie, Wyo., RPC's recently completed evangelistic Bible study, as well as for God's blessing and wisdom in future evangelistic endeavors. **Pray** for safety for the Pattillos as they travel home from Pennsylvania today and tomorrow.

Saturday: **What does Jesus mean in v. 22? Please pray** for Christ to be glorified in conversions and discipleship at Eastvale (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC. **Pray** for the

distribution of literature by the Reformed churches in Spain, that they would have a tremendous impact. **Pray** for Atlanta RPC's service tomorrow, for many to attend.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day
August 27, 2023

Meeting every week at
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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 48:1-2

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*Psalm 8A

“O Lord, Our Lord, in All the Earth”

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II John

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“O Lord, My God”

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“O Ye My People, To My Law”

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The Sermon

“Confessions, Creeds, and Catechisms”

*Prayer

*Psalm 22H

“To All My Brothers I’ll Declare”

*Benediction

*Psalm 145A

“I Will Thee Praise, My God, O King”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”—I Timothy 3:16.

Q. 49. Which is the second commandment? A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Q. 50. What is required in the second commandment? A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment? A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

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The Bible tells us the means by which the church preserves and maintains the truth.

I. Confessions

A. “without controversy great is the mystery of godliness”

1. here, a confession of faith is introduced

2. “without controversy” = *homologia*—speak the same

a. it is better translated “confessedly”

b. it means to agree with others

c. Hebrews 3:1; 4:14; 10:23

B. The idea of confession is in various places in the Bible:

I Kings 8:33, 35; Luke 12:8; John 9:22; Romans 10:9-10;

14:11; Philippians 2:11; I John 4:2-3, 15; II John 7

C. Confessions of faith can come in all lengths

1. It can be something as simple as “Jesus is Lord”

2. Or long, like the Westminster Confession of Faith

II. Creeds

A. A creed is designed as a personal statement

B. The Apostles’ Creed; The Nicene Creed

III. Catechisms

A. Catechisms are designed in Q/A format

B. Exodus 12:26-27; Joshua 4:4-7; Luke 2:46

Observation—every church has a creed or confession of faith:

A. It may not be written, but, it governs nonetheless

B. It covers doctrine, worship, sacraments, polity

Application—know what you believe and make sure that it lines up with Scripture

A. Be thoughtful about it

B. Isaiah 8:20; John 5:39