

Basic Outline of the Westminster Shorter Catechism

1-3: Introduction (with Q&A #3 establishing the overall outline of the Catechism)

4-38: What man must believe concerning God (and his relationship with God)

- 4-6: The one true and living God I
- 5-12: God's works (God the Father)
- 13-19: Man's fall and the consequences
- 20-28: Christ the Redeemer (God the Son)
- 29-38: Christ's work applied (God the Holy Spirit)

39-107: What duty God requires of man

- 39-84: The ten commandments
 - 39-44: Introduction to God's law
 - 45-62: Commandments 1 to 4 I
 - 63-81: Commandments 5 to 10
 - 82-84: Epilogue ~ All have broken God's law and are under God's Wrath
- 85-107: How must we escape the wrath of God?
 - 86-87: Faith and repentance
 - 88-107: The means of grace
 - 89-90: Means of grace - the word
 - 91-93: Means of grace -the sacraments
 - 94-95: Baptism
 - 96-97: The Lord's Supper
 - 98-107: Means of grace – prayer

Where We Have Been (January 2009 through June 2011):

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- A Basic Outline of the WSC
- Q. 1 The Chief End of Man
- Q. 2-3 The Only Rule for Glorifying God

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- 4-11: Doctrine of God, His Decree, Creation, and Providence
- 12-19: Man's Fall into Sin and the Consequences (the Covenant of Works/LU'e)
- 20-28: Christ the Redeemer of God's Elect through the Covenant of Grace
- 29-38: Christ's work applied by God the Holy Spirit
 - Effectual Calling; Justification; Adoption; Sanctification; Accompanying Benefits
 - Believer's Benefits at Death and Believer's Benefits at the Resurrection
 - The Bible's teaching on personal and cosmic eschatology (7 month study)

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- 39-84: The ten commandments
 - Introduction to God's law
 - Overview of Commandments 1 to 4
 - Why do we do what we do in worship? (the Second Commandment)
 - What about musical instruments, choirs, special music, etc.? (the Second Commandment)
 - What are we to think of Islam? (the First Commandment)
 - What about set times of devotion unto God? What about fasting? (the Fourth Commandment)

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