

I. Man's State before the Fall

A. In _____ with God

II. Biblical Descriptions of Man's Spiritual State After the Fall

A. Isaiah 59:2

1. Man is _____ from God
2. God's face is _____ from man
3. God does not _____ man when he prays

B. Isaiah 64:6-7

1. Man is _____ to God; he cannot enter the presence of God without purification
2. Mankind is like _____
3. Man's sin has caused him to _____

C. Description of Fallen man from Westminster Confession, Ch 6

III. The Good News about the Bad News

A. God was in control all along (Westminster Confession, Ch. V)

1. God is sovereign over _____
2. God's actions are intended to _____ the glory of His own character.

B. God did not leave man in his fallen state

1. The Covenant of Grace (Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter VII)

a) *What it is*

- (1) God freely offers to sinners _____
and _____ by Jesus Christ

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(2) Requiring of sinners _____
in Christ, in order to be saved,

(3) Promising His Holy Spirit to all those that are
ordained unto eternal life so that they become
_____ and _____ to believe.

b) *How it is administered*

(1) One Covenant of Grace for all _____
and all _____.

(2) This covenant was differently _____
in the time of the law, and in the time of the Gospel

(3) There are not two covenants of grace, differing in
substance, but one and the same, under various
dispensations.

c) *How it is administered under the law*

(1) In the _____
by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the
paschal lamb, and other types and ordinances delivered to
the Jews

(2) The Old Testament ordinances all fore-signified
Christ to come; which were, for that time, _____
and _____

(3) Through the operation of the Spirit, the ordinances
were useful to instruct and build up the _____
in faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they had full
remission of sins, and eternal salvation.

d) *How it is administered under the Gospel*

(1) Under the Gospel, when Christ was exhibited, the
ordinances in which this covenant is dispensed are

(a) *the _____ of the Word*

(b) *administration of the _____
of Baptism and the Lord's Supper*

(2) _____ in number, and
administered with more simplicity, and less outward glory,

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(3) yet, in the sacraments, the covenant of grace is held forth in more fullness, evidence, and spiritual efficacy, to _____, both Jews and Gentiles.

IV. Why God allowed the Fall

A. To magnify his own character

1. To magnify His _____ and _____

a) *Romans 5:8 ... but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

2. To magnify his own _____

a) *Romans 9:22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction.*

V. Final Thoughts

A. There is nothing good in you that _____ God to love you.

B. If you are saved, it is only because God chose to _____ you to Himself through Christ.

C. God saved you to magnify his own _____ in you.

VI. For Further Study

A. Westminster Confession of Faith

B. Poythress, et al. Seeing Christ in All of Scripture.

C. Sproul, What is Reformed Theology?

D. Robertson, The Christ of the Covenants

E. Murray, Christian Baptism

F. Jonathan Edwards, "The Justice of God in the Damnation of Sinners."