

Reformed Christian Worldview
Lesson 10: Restored for Persevering Works

I. Review

A. Core Beliefs of a Reformed Christian Worldview

1. Creation 2. Fall 3. Redemption

B. Creation

1. Man reflects the Image of God by doing the things God did in Creation – making, filling, ordering, etc.
2. Four Foundational Relationships in the Created Order
 - a) *The Triune God created man for relationship with him*
 - b) *God created man in His image – with skill, dignity, value*
 - c) *God created man to work with others*
 - d) *God created man to relate to have dominion over the creation (stewardship)*

C. Fall

1. A demonic world exists that is at war with God
2. Man Rebelled against God's Authority
3. Result of the Fall
 - a) *Man's relationship with God is broken*
 - b) *Man's self-conception is broken*
 - c) *Man's relationship with others is broken*
 - d) *Man's relationship to the created order is broken*

D. Restoration

1. God is working to restore all things to the created norm through Christ
2. Sinners are restored in their Relationship to God by Redemption
3. Complete Restoration is Future
4. How Redemption is Applied to Sinners
 - a) *Repentance - a change of mind*
 - b) *Faith is an instrument; an empty, withered hand by which the elect sinner reaches out to grasp God's promises in the gospel."*

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II. Restored for Good Works

- A. Good Works are not _____
1. Perfect Obedience is the _____
Luke 17:7-10
 2. _____ can be justified by his own works - Rom 3:20
- B. Good Works characterize the _____ vessel
1. Good Works are _____ for the new creature
Eph. 2:10
 2. Good works are a result of _____ to God -
Rom. 6:22 22
 3. Good works _____ saving faith - James 2:18, 22
- C. Good works are the result of _____ with Christ.
John 15:3–6
- D. Good Works _____ 2 Pet 1:3–11
- E. Good Works have to be _____
1. We are to _____ each other to do good works
– Heb. 10:24
 2. We are _____ the gift
of God within us - 2 Timothy 1:6
- F. Summary Statement about the Reformed Doctrine of Good Works
1. “True faith leads to reformation of _____ and
_____.” Thomas Hooker

III. Perseverance unto Final Restoration

- A. Perseverance is a Result of _____
1. Predestined for _____ to the Image of Christ
– Rom. 8:28-30
 2. God _____ what he starts - Philippians 1:6
 3. WCF on Statement of Perseverance
*a) Perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own
free will, but upon the _____ of the decree
of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable
_____ of God the Father.*

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- B. The Elect are _____ unto eternal salvation by God
1. The elect persevere because God _____ onto them
 - a) *John 10:27-29*
 - b) *2 Thessalonians 3:3*
 2. Jesus Christ is the _____ for the elect - Romans 8:33-34
 3. God _____ what is needed to persevere - 2 Peter 1:3-4
 4. God preserves the _____ for salvation
 - a) *An eternal inheritance is _____ - 1 Peter 1:3-5*
 - b) *Nothing can _____ the elect from God's love - Romans 8:31-32, 38-39*
 5. WCF Statement on Perseverance
 - a) *The elect can neither _____ nor _____ fall away from the state of grace, but shall _____ persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.*

IV. For Further Study

- A. Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XVI
- B. John Skidmore, An evaluation of David Bebbington's Thesis that Evangelicalism's Doctrines of Faith and Assurance are Marked by Discontinuity with Puritanism.