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realizes
he could
see the
MATRIX,
control it



MATRIX

**Borrow
the
metaphor,
change
meaning**

Different MATRIX



**Not suddenly seeing illusory world
designed to oppress, but seeing
“codes” in God’s world designed for
our flourishing**

What are the
lines of
code?

Need lex
Christi
glasses



to see world's "MATRIX"

What are the lines of code?

We need WPC's vision and values

Most of us can see portions of the code, such as the importance of doctrine and practice.



NOTE WPC's vision includes core presuppositions about doctrine and practice



to see world's "MATRIX"

This *lex Christi* model fits within WPC's MATRIX, sharpening the focus of the glasses helping us see the lines of code, to help us interpret this world



Westminster Church's values are: *God's Word – God's Family – God's World*

GOD'S WORD: *God speaks to His people*

- *God reveals His truth to us through the inerrant Holy Scriptures*
2 Timothy 3:15-16, Psalms 11
- *The essential Biblical truths about life and the Gospel are summarized in the doctrinal statements of the church*
Acts 16:4, Matthew 16:19, Matthew 18:17-20

GOD'S FAMILY: *God is in covenant relationship with His people*

- *Worship expresses our new life with God through the redemptive work of Christ*
John 3:16, 1 Peter 1:18-21, 1 Timothy 2:5, Psalms 86:8-10, Psalms 95:1-6, Ephesians 5:23,27,32
- *Love, unity, and appropriate boundaries characterize our relationship with God and others*
John 17:20-23, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Corinthians 14:40, 1 John 3:11,14,16

GOD'S WORLD: *God calls His people to do good works for His glory*

- *The grace of Christ and the Holy Spirit enable us to live and work faithfully*
John 15:4-8, Matthew 28:18-20, Ezekiel 36:26-27, Hebrews 13:21, James 2:18, 22; 1 John 2:3,5; 1 Peter 2:15, Ephesians 2:10
- *We equip followers of Christ to advance His kingdom everywhere*
Ephesians 1:10, 22-23, Matthew 28:18-20, Micah 6:8, Romans 12:2, Matthew 5:16, John 15:8

Westminster Church (PCA) is:

reaching people to know Christ,
equipping believers to obey Christ, and
sending disciples to advance Christ's kingdom.



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But today I want to help each of you to reorganize lots of scattered bits of Bible and doctrinal knowledge into a more recognizable and memorable shape

Correctly see God, creation, the problems in the world and their solutions using . . .

***Lex Christi* glasses (= law of Christ)**



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What are the lines of code?

Need

lex Christi =
righteousness



1	Worship only the true God	Do not worship any other gods
2	Worship God in the way he defines	Do not worship idols
3	Worship with reverence of God's name	Do not misuse God's name
4	Honor the 6-1 work-rest-worship pattern	Do not corrupt the 6-1 work-rest-worship pattern
5	Honor your appointed role-relationships	Do not dishonor your appointed role-relationships
6	Honor human life	Do not murder
7	Honor marriage	Do not dishonor marriage
8	Honor property rights	Do not steal
9	Honor reputations	Do not lie
10	Be thankful and content	Do not envy

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to tell of his **salvation**

to remove **sin and sorrow** and bring **joy to the world**





Psalm 96



see the “MATRIX”

1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! 2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! 4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. 6 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. 7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! 8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! 9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! 10 Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.” 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; 12 let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy 13 before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.



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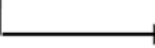
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SEE THE 1st-10th C "joy to the world" code

2 tell of his salvation from day to day

- "salvation" Righteous Lord revealing his righteousness
 - DESCRIPTIVE PRESUPPOSITIONS about the Father, Son & Spirit revealing his attributes by his actions in the world through his representatives (Scripture, holy angels, OT judges, elders, prophets, priests, kings, Christ, Christians)

lex Christi codes

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SEE THE **SIN & SORROW** IN THE WORLD

SPECIFIC JUDGMENT: v.5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols

- Ps. 96 context of ark returned to Jerusalem in time of David after capture by Philistines (remember their idols got knocked over, head/hands chopped off, people afflicted with diseases); 1 Sam. 4-6; 1 Chron. 15-16
- Identifies a 2nd commandment problem: “You shall not worship idols”
- Idolatry is part of an interdependent complexity of moral law failures bringing **sin and sorrow to the world:**
 - Deny the one true Lord (1st), misuse name of “God” (3rd), chronic chaos, denying 1 rest +6 work days (4th), their religious representations are false teachers (5th), no forgiveness to pacify anger, revenge → murder, devalue life: abortion, infanticide, euthanasia (6th), sexual “liberation” (7th), stealing (8th), lying (9th), envy others (10th)





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SEE THE **SIN & SORROW** IN THE WORLD

12 he comes to . . . judge the world in righteousness

- **GLASSES:** Westminster Larger Catechism 28
- Question 28: What are the punishments of sin in this world? Answer: The punishments of sin in this world are either *inward*, as blindness of mind, a reprobate sense, strong delusions, hardness of heart, horror of conscience, and vile affections; or *outward*, as the curse of God upon the creatures for our sakes, and all other evils that befall us in our bodies, names, estates, relations, and employments; together with death itself.
- We are in sorrow when we experience these things



demenes hatred
destruction



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SEE THE **SIN & SORROW** IN THE WORLD

Imagery of joy in creation: day to day (2); The Lord made the heavens (5) his sanctuary (6); The Lord reigns! The world is established; it shall never be moved (10); heavens, earth, sea and all that fills it (11); field and everything in it, trees of the forest (12)

- Context of Genesis 1-3: Adam and Eve should bring **joy to the world**
- One command represents all 10Cs: “You shall not eat from the tree”
- Genesis 3 fall of man brings **sin and sorrow to the world**:
 - Gave authority to Satan (1st), believed false religion (2nd), questioned integrity of God (3rd), not their 1 rest or 6 work days duty (4th), Adam failed to protect Eve (5th), murdered human race (6th), envied lesser beauty (7th), stole (8th), lied to each other (9th), dissatisfied (10th)



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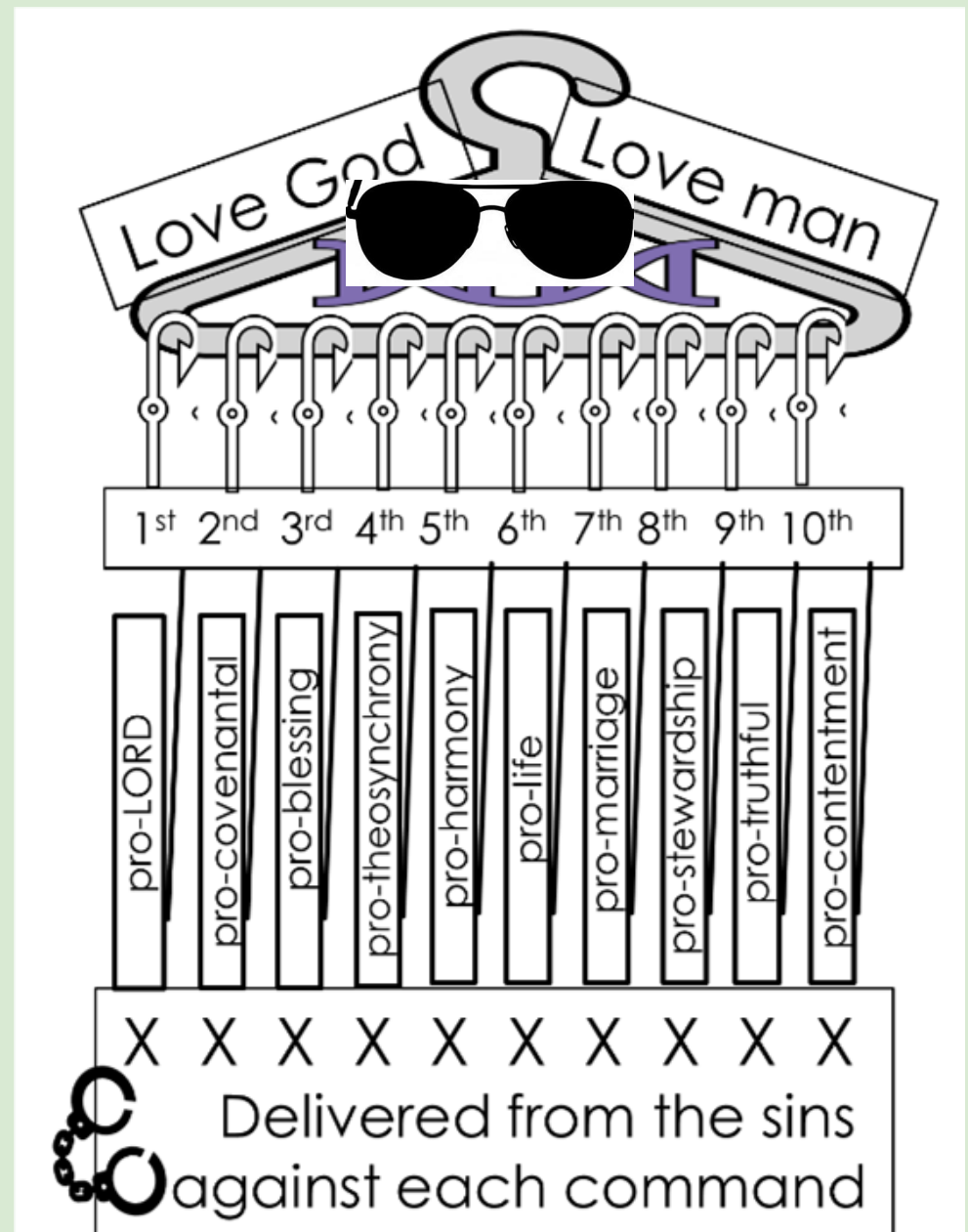


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SEE THE 1st-10th C “joy to the world” code

12 for he comes to . . . judge the world in righteousness

- “Judge in righteousness”
 - PRESCRIPTIVE PRESUPPOSITIONS about coming to the world using *lex Christi* to remove **sin and sorrow** and bring **joy to the world**
 - **REMOVE:** “But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.” Revelation 21:8



All the law and prophets integrate under this structure
Matthew 22:40



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- **GLASSES:** “He is Worthy” Chris Tomlin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FkRiYsTN7KY>

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)

Is a new creation coming? (It is)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)



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DESCRIPTIVE PRESUPPOSITIONS (biblical history)

- . . . through Christ he comes to the world to
 - tell of his salvation
 - remove **sin and sorrow** and bring **joy to the world**
 - LOVE GOD: 2nd C: True worship in him; 3rd C clears temple for true prayer; 4th C true Sabbath;
 - LOVE MAN: 5th C true shepherd-leaders; 6th C exorcisms, feedings, healings, bless children; 7th C healthy marriage, limit divorce; 8th C carpenter laborer; 9th C speaks truth; 10th C seek kingdom & righteousness, be content with daily bread

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DESCRIPTIVE PRESUPPOSITIONS (biblical history)

- . . . through the Holy Spirit he comes to the world to
 - tell of his salvation (inspiring the biblical authors)
 - remove **sin and sorrow** and bring **joy to the world**
- by regenerating us into faith-union with Christ (marriage)
 - Sins against moral law forgiven by cross; moral law righteousness credited by resurrection (justification)
 - adopted into God's family; Father, brothers, sisters
 - Writes the moral law on our hearts (Heb. 10:16) with support from other believers
 - Perfects his people to enjoy the blessings of moral law righteousness in the new earth



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DESCRIPTIVE PRESUPPOSITIONS (biblical history)

- ... through the Apostle Paul he comes to
 - Tell of his salvation
 - remove **sin and sorrow** and bring **joy to the world**
 - LOVE GOD: 1st C Creator, Savior, Judge 2nd C: True righteousness in Christ; 3rd C pray in Triune name; 4th C assembly on the Lord's Day (Sunday);
 - LOVE MAN: 5th C teaches parents, appoints elders & deacons; obey government, pay taxes 6th C exorcisms, healings, collections for poor; 7th C healthy marriage, limit divorce; 8th C tent-maker laborer; 9th C speaks truth; 10th C be content with food and clothing



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2 tell of his salvation from day to day 12 . . . sing for joy

13 . . . for he comes to . . . judge the world in righteousness . . .

- . . . through you, the Lord comes to
 - Tell of his salvation (descriptive presuppositions)
 - Judge the world in righteousness by removing sin and sorrow and bringing joy to the world (prescriptive presuppositions)

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• ... through you, the Lord comes to

○ Tell of his salvation (descriptive presuppositions)

■ Compare every life topic with the biblical story, God's person and works in creation and providence (fall, salvation, already-not yet).

○ remove sin and sorrow and bring joy to the world (prescriptive presuppositions)

■ Every life topic that is used under the direction of the moral law can be applied; others reformed to conform to it or must be rejected.

■ "Take every thought captive to Christ" 2 Cor. 10:5

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• ... through you, the Lord comes to

- Tell of his salvation (descriptive presuppositions)
- remove sin and sorrow and bring joy to the world (prescriptive presuppositions)
- What do you do that brings you and others' joy?
- Great flexibility about life directions and career choices
 - Foundational investments in marriage, family and community to tell, remove, bring
 - Academic or professional training that help you see, tell, remove, bring), helping you serve others
 - Any job training that helps tell, remove, bring



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Thanks to WPC's pastors,
elders, teachers and leaders
for all your creative energy to

- tell of his salvation
- remove sin and sorrow
- bring joy to the world



GET YOUR lex Christi  ON!



Lex Christi glasses

“Joy the the World” to teach us lex Christi interaction with the world (v. 2 based on Psalm 96:11-12)

“let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy”

The Lord, through you,

- tells of his salvation
- removes sin and sorrow and brings joy to the world

v. 1 Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.



v. 2 Joy to the World, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.



Lex Christi glasses

“Sing a new song about the Lord’s reign”
“Joy the the World” to teach us lex Christi
interaction with the world (Psalm 96:12) “He
will judge the world in righteousness”

The Lord, through you,

- tells of his salvation
- removes sin and sorrow
and brings joy to the world

v. 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.



v. 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love

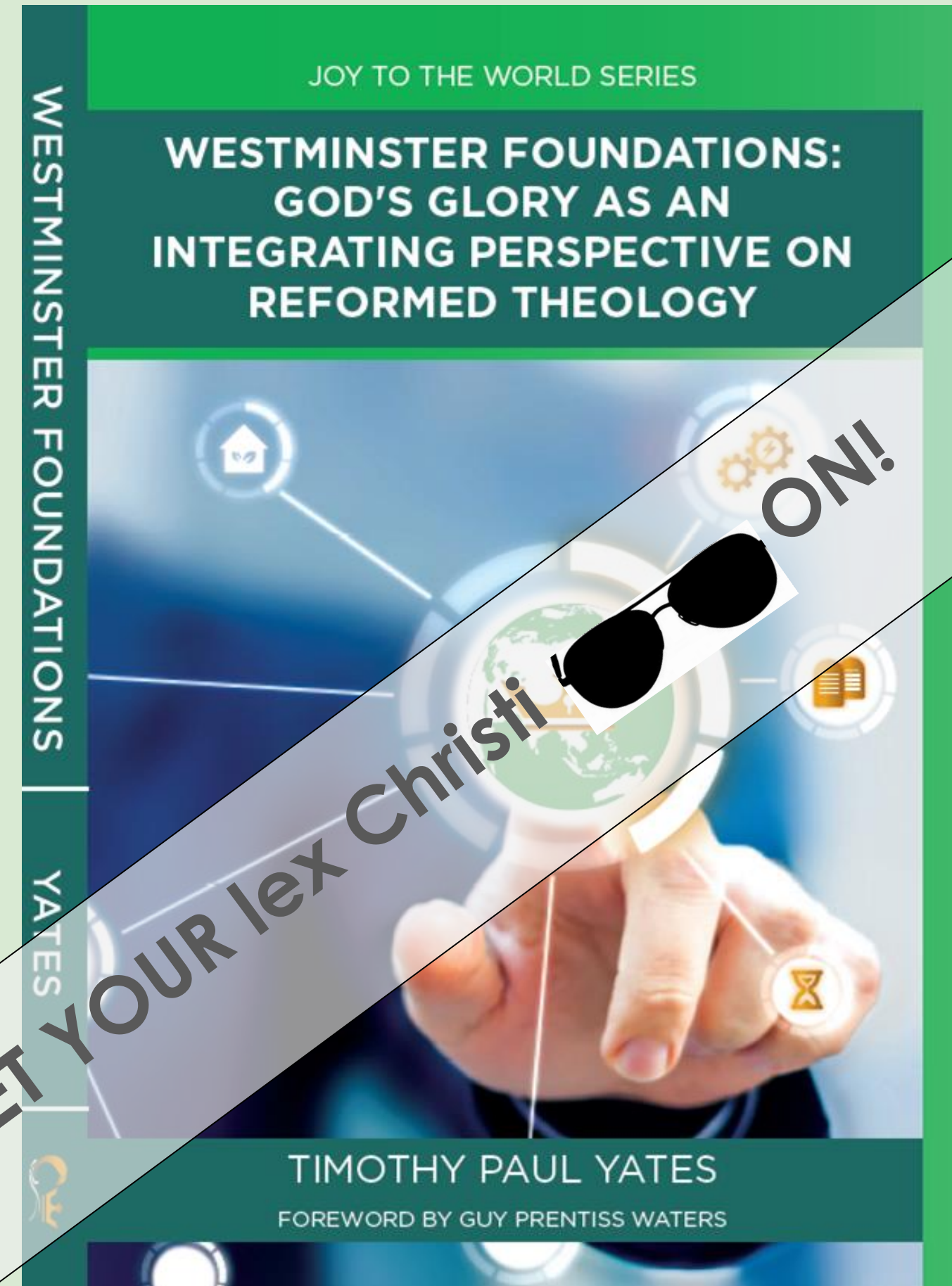
Westminster Larger Catechism provides a deeper understanding of these themes

- Who is God and what has he done? tell of his salvation
- What is man's duty? remove sins and sorrows and bring joy to the world



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SING FOR JOY

- What are the blessings of *lex Christi* obedience in this life?
- In this world still under the creational-providential post-fall curses, all blessings related to the restoration of Christ's *lex Christi* rule in us and the entire creation are sourced from the Father and come to us through mediate representatives. The exact representatives are Christ, the Spirit, and God's Word; approximate representatives are creation order, angels, man, and creatures. These blessings are inward in the soul, such as mutually synergistic peace of conscience toward God and his law in union with Christ, adoption to sonship, spiritual discernment, renewed holy affections, and hope of glory (1st – 3rd, 10th C). These blessings are outward, in the multi-sensory body, experiencing material-relational blessings in time-space synchronies (4th C), physical bodies (6th C), material resources on a portion of this earth (8th C), and relationships (5th authority-submission; 7th C marriage, family) and reputations (9th C). We respond to these inward and outward glory-blessings revealed *to us, on us, and in us* with legitimate derivative happiness that must be disciplined with thankful contentment (10th C). These all combine to nurture our chief and highest purposes to glorify and enjoy God (1st – 3rd C; WLC 1; Rom. 11:36). Further, these blessings must be reflected *by us* to others while awaiting their eternal perfection in the new heavens and new earth and the removal of the punishments of sin in this world.



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