CHRIST COVENANT REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

But ye are come unto mount Sion... And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant (Hebrews 12.22, 24)



SCRIPTUIRE ALONE—GRACE ALONE—FAITH ALONE—BY CHRIST ALONE—TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY? REFORMED, AND ALWAYS REFORMING

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 06/05/2019

Opening Prayer

Psalm: Psalm 119.9-16, Page 264

<u>First Exhortation: Pray for the way the Church receives the Word of God: 1 Thessalonians 2.13; 2 Peter 3.1-2</u> Prayer for the Church, as she receives the Word of God:

- 1. Pray for the ministers of the Gospel, that they would approach all their studies with reverence and humility, recognizing that it is the very Word of God they handle, and the very Bread of Life they break to the people of God.
- 2. Pray for the Church's understanding of the inspiration of the Scriptures, that we would, according to our historical and confessional commitments, receive the Scriptures in their verbal, and plenary inspiration—that is, in the words, and in all the words, and that which God has breathed out for His people.
- 3. Pray for her understanding of providential preservation, that it would be according to the promises of God, recognizing the extraordinary providence of God, unique among all ancient writings, in the preservation and transmission of Scripture, and that as the Church she would rise to her duty in the preservation of Scripture according to righteousness.
- 4. Pray for competent self-examination regarding her use of the Scripture, that the Lord would grant repentance from elevation of the doctrines and commandments of men, and other human tradition, where these have replaced the Word of God.
- 5. Pray for a love among the people of God for His Word, such that they would not go a day without reading it, meditating upon it, and endeavoring to order their lives by it, and pray for the Holy Spirit's assistance in these efforts.
- 6. Pray for a desire among the people of God to plumb the depths of Scripture, and to wring out the doctrinal and practical wisdom of God revealed in His Word, such that they would not be satisfied with milk only.
- 7. Pray for the translation of Scripture into the common languages of the peoples of the world, and for those who undertake such work, for a high reverence for the Word of God, for a method of translation more aligned with formal equivalence, and for excellence and accuracy as it is the very Word of God.
- 8. Pray that the Church would hold the Word of God in her center, as her anchor, and that Christians would rely upon the truth of the Bible above every other way, bringing all their thoughts, words, and deeds, to the Scripture for judgment, whether according to Truth, or not, and esteeming God Word above all other 'words' in this world.

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Second Exhortation: That the Church would be purged from corruption: Isaiah 1.24-27; Malachi 3.1-6 Prayer for the Church, that she would be purified:

- 1. Pray for the training of the ministry of the Church, that it would be according to the Scripture, and free from the doctrines and commandments of men, such that the ministers of today and in generations to come would teach the people of God according to the purity of the Word of God, apart from falsehood and human invention.
- 2. Pray for the third mark of the Church, for proper discipline and order, such that those in authority would identify errors, instruct the novice, counsel in truth the ignorant, tenderly draw the erring by the Word of God, warn the unruly, and censure the rebellious, all in accordance with the Word of God.
- 3. Pray that the Church would edify herself, in accordance with the teaching office of the Church, that ministers would teach the pure Word, that she would not be blown about by every wind of doctrine, but speak the truth in love.
- 4. Pray that the Lord would be pleased, according to His promise, to purify the sons of Levi (the teachers of the Church) and thereby to wash the Church with the water of the Word, purifying His bride.
- 5. Pray for a knowledge of Church history, as a hedge against the repetition of errors and corruptions, and as a motivation to follow godly examples of reformation in former times, according to the Word of God.
- 6. Pray that the people of God would have an ear and an eye to God's Word, that their hearts would be inclined to the Church's purity, and not to human tradition, error, and other corruption.
- 7. Pray for purity in all aspects of the Church's work: In her preaching and teaching, in the regulation of her worship, in Biblical Church government, in her discipline and order, in her ministry, and in her witness to the watching world.

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Closing prayer