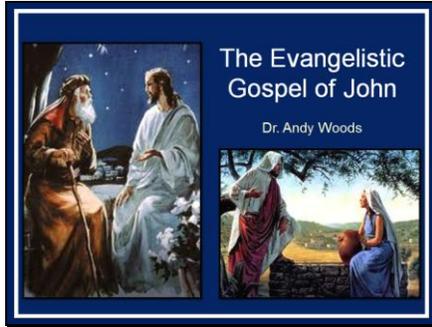


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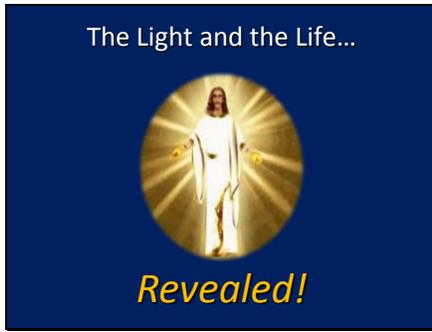
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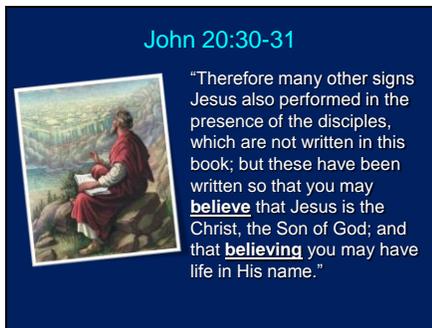
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OUTLINE OF JOHN	
1:1-18	HEAVENLY GENEALOGY (Explains who Jesus is)
1:19-11:57	PUBLIC MINISTRY ( 7 signs & discourses)
12:1-50	TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (public national rejection of Christ-12:37)
<b>13-17</b>	<b>UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE (new dispensation)</b>
18-21	PASSION NARRATIVES (crucifixion to resurrection)

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Slide 11

7 "I AM" statements in John

	I am the Bread of Life	6:35
	I am the Light of the world	8:12
	I am the Gate for the sheep	10:7; cf. v.9
	I am the Good Shepherd	10:11,14
	I am the Resurrection and the Life	11:25
	I am the Way and the Truth and the Life	14:6
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**Doctrinal Statement**



Every true believer is promised **positional** and ultimate sanctification with the **possibility** of progressive development in life spiritually, (**progressive sanctification**) (Heb. 10:10,14; Jn. 17:17; Eph. 5:26,27; 1 Thess. 4:3,4; 1 Jn. 3:2).

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YIELDING TO THE OLD (SIN) NATURE	
Believer's Consequences	Passage(s)
Conviction	(2 Pet 2:7-8; Ps 32:1-5)
Divine discipline	(Heb 12:5-11)
Premature death	(Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor 11:30; 1 John 5:16; Rev 2:22-23)
Loss of reward	(1 Cor 3:15; 9:27; 2 John 8; Rev 3:11)
Loss of fellowship	(1 John 1:9)
Excommunication	(1 Cor 5:4-5; Matt 18:15-17)
Temporal consequences	(Gal 6:7-8)
Unanswered prayer	(Ps 66:18; 1 Pet 3:7)
Loss of testimony	(Gen 19:14)
Loss of leadership privileges	(1 Tim 3:1-13)

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Slide 22

JUSTIFICATION-SALVATION	DISCIPLESHIP
FREE GIFT	COSTLY
RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH	ENTERED INTO THROUGH COMMITMENT AND OBEDIENCE THROUGH THE SPIRIT'S ENABLEMENT
NOT BY WORKS	INVOLVES OUR COOPERATION
INSTANT	LIFE-LONG PROCESS
JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION
JESUS PAID THE PRICE	BELIEVER PAYS THE PRICE
TRUSTING JESUS AS SAVIOR	FOLLOWING JESUS AS LORD
BELIEVE THE GOSPEL	OBEY THE COMMANDS
ONE CONDITION	MULTIPLE CONDITIONS
EXPERIENCED BY ALL CHRISTIANS	EXPERIENCED BY SOME CHRISTIANS
RESULTS IN ETERNAL LIFE	RESULTS IN REWARDS & AUTHORITY

Adapted from <http://www.gracelife.org/resources/gracenotes.asp?id=23>

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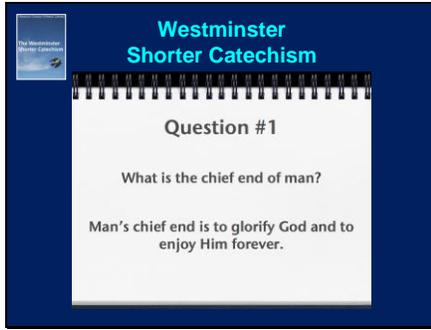
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**Westminster Shorter Catechism**

**Question #1**

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

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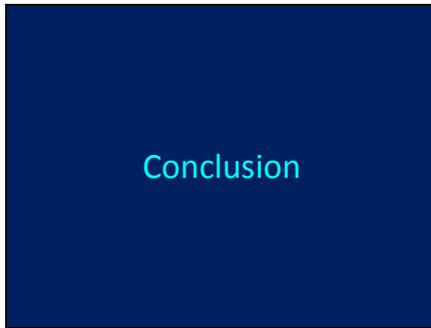
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**Conclusion**

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Tenney-"It is possible that if the text of this discourse was spoken as they walked from the upper room in Jerusalem down into the Kidron Valley and across to the Mount of Olives, they could have seen the great golden vine, the national emblem of Israel, on the front of the temple."

John 13:30-31- So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night. Therefore when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him.

John 10:27-29- My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

John 8:59- Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

Constable-Jesus was teaching that the Father gives special support to believers who are not yet bearing fruit. In viticulture,

this involves lifting the branch off the ground, so it will not send secondary roots down into the ground, which would prove unhealthy. Lifting the branch off the ground onto a pole, or trellis, also enables air to dry the branch, and prevent it from getting moldy and becoming diseased.

John 13:10- Jesus \*said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all *of you*.”

John 6:56- He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

John 6:35-Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

John 8:31- So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine.

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John 6:37-40- All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.

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Tucker-The fall pruning excised all of the leafy vegetation and much of the 'brush-wood' (as Pliny termed it), and it was then in the fall of the year that the significant burning occurred to eliminate the woody branches as they prepared the vine for the winter dormant period."643

Constable-In the fall, the vinedresser would prune (Gr. *kathairo*) the vines for the winter by cutting off the dead wood. He would not cut off the unfruitful branches that could produce grapes the next season, but only the branches that did not have a healthy connection to the vine.

Matt 25:41-“Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels

1 Cor. 3:15- If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

1 Peter 1:6-7-In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various [a]trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the [b]proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which [c]is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Heb 6:8-but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close [a]to being cursed, and [b]it ends up being burned.

BKC-Naturally the reference to “burned” has caused many to think of hell, but there is nothing in the text to suggest this...In fact, to think of hell here is to betray inattention to the imagery employed by the author. The burning of a field to destroy the rank growth it had produced was a practice known in ancient times. Its aim was not the destruction of the field itself (which, of course, the fire could not affect), but the destruction of the unwanted produce of the field. Thereafter the field might be serviceable for cultivation.<sup>1</sup>

Heb 12:5-11- and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, “MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY

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<sup>1</sup> Hodges, Z. C. (1985). Hebrews. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck, Ed.) (Heb 6:7–8). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;<sup>6</sup> FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.”<sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Furthermore, we had <sup>[a]</sup>earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of <sup>[b]</sup>spirits, and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us* for *our* good, so that we may share His holiness. <sup>11</sup> All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

2 Pet. 2:7-8- and *if* He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men <sup>8</sup> (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds)

Ps 32:1-5- How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered!<sup>2</sup> How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit!<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent *about my sin*, my <sup>[b]</sup>body wasted away Through my <sup>[c]</sup>groaning all day long.<sup>4</sup> For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My <sup>[d]</sup>vitality was drained away *as* with the fever heat of summer. <sup>[e]</sup>Selah.<sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, “I will confess

my transgressions to the LORD”; And You forgave the <sup>[f]</sup>guilt of my sin. Selah.

1 Cor 11:30- For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number <sup>[a]</sup>sleep.

1 John 5:16- If anyone sees his brother <sup>[a]</sup>committing a sin not *leading* to death, he shall ask and <sup>[b]</sup>God will for him give life to those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is a sin *leading* to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.

Rev 2:22-23- Behold, I will throw her <sup>[a]</sup>on a bed *of sickness*, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of <sup>[b]</sup>her deeds. <sup>23</sup> And I will kill her children with <sup>[c]</sup>pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the <sup>[d]</sup>minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

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1 Cor 9:27-but I <sup>[a]</sup>discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

2 John 8-Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

Rev 3:11-I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

1 John 1:9- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 Cor 5:4-5-In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and <sup>[a]</sup>I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, <sup>5</sup> *I have decided* to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord <sup>[b]</sup>Jesus.

Matt 18:15-17-If your brother sins<sup>[a]</sup>, go and <sup>[b]</sup>show him his fault <sup>[c]</sup>in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY <sup>[d]</sup>FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as <sup>[e]</sup>a Gentile and <sup>[f]</sup>a tax collector.

Gal 6:7-8-Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Ps 66:18-If I <sup>[a]</sup>regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord <sup>[b]</sup>will not <sup>[c]</sup>hear

1 Pet. 3:7-You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with <sup>[a]</sup>someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Gen 19:14- Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who [a]were to marry his daughters, and said, “Up, get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city.” But he appeared to his sons-in-law [b]to be jesting.

1 John 5:14-This is the confidence which we have [a]before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Jas 4:2-3-You lust and do not have; *so* you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; *so* you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask [a]with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* [b]on your pleasures.

Hodges-"How strange that in our day and time we have been told so often that fruitlessness is a sure sign that a person is unsaved. Certainly we did not get this idea from the Bible. Rather, the Bible teaches that unfruitfulness in a believer is a sure sign that one is no longer moving forward, no longer growing in Christ. It is a sign that the Christian is spiritually sick, and until well again, cannot enjoy spiritual success."

Matt. 7:20-23- So then, you will [a]know them by their fruits.<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.<sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many [b]miracles?’<sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’

Matt. 7:15-Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Heb 13:20-21-Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep <sup>[a]</sup>through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, <sup>21</sup> equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.