

Westminster Confession of Faith

Class questions: Chapter 20

1. From what has Christ freed His people? What has He freed his people to? (Rom. 5:1-2)
2. Compare a believer under the New Covenant with a believers liberty under the Old. What do they have in common? What ways are the believers liberties expanded because of Christ? Which one of the liberties do you celebrate the most?
3. What impact does Christ's Lordship have on your conscience?
4. How might you pressure others to follow you rather than God? What precautions can you take against manipulating others, or lording over others under your authority? (See, Matt 23:8-10, I Cor. 1:24, I Peter 5)
5. What is the difference between license and Christian liberty?
6. How are Christians not used to their freedom? (Gal. 5:13, 1 Peter 2:16) What temptations do you face to use your 'freedom for the flesh'?
7. Is there something in your life now, or in the past, that promises you freedom, but in the end enslaves you? Money? Food? Success? Beauty?
8. What is your attitude toward lawful powers - both those in the church and those in civil government? Do you see these lawful powers as complementary to you liberty or in tension with it? According to Scripture, what should our attitude be towards lawful powers? Why?
9. What responsibility does the church have to hold people accountable for practices that are against 'the light of nature'? Have you seen a church carry out such discipline well? (Rom. 1:32, 1 Cor. 5:1, 5, 11, 13)
10. How does discipline for doctrinal sin differ between the O.T. and the N.T.? What principle undergirds this?
11. What are the proper spheres of the church and the state in matters of discipline?