

## Session One

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His Sovereign mercy? BCO 57-5, # 1

Genesis 3

Psalms 14: 1 – 3

Jeremiah 13: 23

### RESULTS:

Romans 8: 6 – 8

I Corinthians 1: 18, 19

II Corinthians 10: 5

Jude 10

Romans 1:18 – 32

I Thessalonians 5: 1 – 3

“His sovereign mercy... “

Ephesians 2: 1 – 10

Session One, The House That Jesus Built, Chapter One:

We Are A Confessional Church:

The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 15: 4).

Sinners are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 7:11).

God is really \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 10:29).

The cross is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 10:45).

Grace is utterly \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 7:36 – 39).

Disciples are continually \_\_\_\_\_ (John 6:37 – 39)

Life is wholly \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 5: 19).

“Now if these are peculiar beliefs and if it would be peculiar to believe such peculiar beliefs, then, I suppose, we are a peculiar people. But at least you know ahead of time.” Dr. Dale Ralph Davis

## Session Two

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel? BCO 57 – 5, # 2

Hebrews 1:1 – 2: 4

John 5:18 – 47

John 6:26 – 58

James 2:19

Not mere head knowledge

Not mere temporal faith

Acts 20:21

We acknowledge the Father is calling us to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 16: 11 – 34

Galatians 3: 1 – 14, 21 – 29

Romans 5: 1 – 11

The Rev. Ralph Erskine, commenting on Luke 7: 36 – 50, “love brings ointment to Christ’s head and repentant tears to wash his feet; but faith gives nothing, and brings nothing to Christ; yet it is designed to a higher office than any other grace: [for] it is the hand that receives Christ, and receives all from him...”

## Session Two, The House That Jesus Built, Chapter Two:

### What Our Church Is:

#### A Bible Church

I Corinthians 3: 1 -17 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 5: 22 – 33 \_\_\_\_\_

I Corinthians 12: 12 -26 \_\_\_\_\_

#### What Makes A Church A Church?

Acts 2: 42 / II Timothy 3: 16, 17 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 28: 18 – 20 / I Corinthians 11: 23 -26 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 13: 17 / Matthew 18: 15 – 20 \_\_\_\_\_

#### Polity Really Matters:

Congregational

Episcopal

Presbyterian

#### What does it mean to be “Reformed “?

#### What Sort of Commitment?

See pages 32 – 34 in “The House that Jesus Built “

Session Three:

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

BCO 57-5, # 3

John 3: 1 – 21

Matthew 5: 1 – 12

Ephesians 2: 8, 9 / Galatians 3: 1 – 7

The Christian Formula for Life: “By grace, through faith, in Christ.”

By grace.....the source of our salvation (Father)

Through faith.....the agency of our salvation (Spirit)

In Christ.....the ground of our salvation (Son)

I John 1: 5 – 7; 2: 1 – 6

Paul says, “Follow me...” I Corinthians 4: 6; 11: 1; Philippians 3: 17; 4: 9

Colossians 3: 1 – 17

I Peter 1: 14 – 19

“Sanctification is both a grace and a duty, I Cor. 16: 13.” Wm. G.W. Shed, vole 2

## Session Three, The House That Jesus Built, Chapter Three:

How Christians Live:

The Reformed Church has customarily said there are three means of grace:

Luke 10: 38 – 42

How much? / Where to start? / What do I look for?

Matthew 28: 18 – 20 / I Corinthians 11: 23 – 26

Action / Always / All involved / Assurance – But How?

Matthew 6: 5; 7: 9 – 11

God's Name / God's Kingdom / God's Will

Two Practices Which Stimulate Growth:

Worship

Entertainment

Service Station

Lecture Hall

“The reason you should worship is because \_\_\_\_\_” (p 49)

Fellowship

Romans 15: 4; Ephesians 6: 18; Colossians 3: 16

“The grace is God's, but we are to use the \_\_\_\_\_” (p 53)

Session Four:

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability? BCO 57-5, # 4

Ephesians 1: 13 – 22      His Body

Ephesians 2: 19 – 22      Fellow Citizens / God's Household

Ephesians 3: 8 – 21      made known through / For His glory in

Ephesians 4: 11 – 24      And He gave some / Put on the new self

Ephesians 5: 1 – 21      Proper among saints / Subject to one another

Ephesians 5: 25 – 33      Christ Loved and Gave

Ephesians 6: 1 – 9      Honor / Render Service as to the Lord

Romans 12: 1, 2 Real Sacrifices / Renewed Mind

Romans 12: 3 – 5      Realistic View of Self/ Really Part of the Body

Romans 12: 6 – 9      Real Service to the Body

## Session Four, The House That Jesus Built, Chapter Four:

### The Matter That Matters:

#### Guilty

Our biography (Romans 3: 10 -18)

“The good news is that the Judge himself has paid the penalty...” HOW? p 56

Shame / Isaiah 53: 5

#### Dirty

Psalm 51: 2; Titus 2: 14; I John 1: 7

I Corinthians 6: 9 – 11a

#### Enslaved

Romans 3: 9 “under the power of...”

Revelation 1: 5 “...He released us from our sins by His \_\_\_\_\_.”

Come! John 6: 37

#### Count the cost

Matthew 10: 37 – 38

“The place of supreme affection “

#### Saved!

“And you will be hated by all on account of my name, but the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved. “ Mark 13: 13

## Session Five:

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace? BCO 57-5, # 5

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Hebrews 12: 1 – 17  | Whom the Lord Loves / the Right Pursuit |
| Hebrews 13: 1 – 19  | the Brethren / Christ / His Leaders     |
| I Timothy 3: 1 – 13 | Elders and Deacons                      |
| Titus 1: 5 – 16     | Elders and Exhortation                  |
| Titus 2             | Doctrine / Life / Reproof               |
| Titus 3: 1 -11      | We were / We are                        |
| Matthew 18: 1 – 6   | “Say, who is the greatest? “            |
| Matthew 18: 7 – 11  | Stumbling Blocks & Sin                  |
| Matthew 18: 12 – 14 | Sheep and The Shepherd                  |
| Matthew 18: 15 – 20 | Sin and The Savior                      |
| Matthew 18: 21 – 35 | Sin and Forgiveness                     |

“The exercise of discipline is highly important and necessary. In its proper usage discipline maintains: (a) the glory of God, (b) the purity of His Church, (c) the keeping and reclaiming of disobedient sinners. Discipline is for the purpose of godliness (I Timothy 4: 7); therefore, it demands self-examination under Scripture.” BCO 27 - 3

