



The Chief End of Man Pt. 2





Westminster Shorter Catechism

- Compiled around 1646 by leaders of the Church of Scotland in hopes of aligning more closely with the Church of England
- Focused on teaching children the basics of Christian faith
- Over 100 individual points and principles
- Here is the very first one

• MAN'S CHIEF END. •

• IS TO •

GLORIFY GOD

• AND TO •

• ENJOY HIM FOREVER. •



John 15:8-9-Glorify God

■ **8 My Father is glorified by this**, that you bear much fruit, and *so prove to be My disciples*

9 Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. **10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

■ **JOHN 13:34** "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this **everyone will know that you are my disciples**, if you love one another "



Enjoy Him FOREVER???

- Not serve Him or study Him or fear Him or try to impress Him, (Heaven is in the Future)
- Our main purpose involves ENJOYING HIM!?! Is that EVEN BIBLICAL??
- Shouldn't we spend more of our time figuring out what we should be doing to please Him more? Do Better Try Harder.
- We deal with emotions like Shame, Guilt, fear, rejection, punishment and finally
- RELIEF, because at least there is the Cross
- Not much time left to enjoy Him!!!



Mind Games With Ourselves

- But I did or I said or I thought that bad thing
- Or I **failed to do** or say or think that right thing
- So I have fallen short of God's will for me and now I am probably AT LEAST in time out (or worse ... much worse)
- Even if I am still forgiven I am probably in LIMBO and God and I aren't good
- Who is truly eligible to ENJOY HIM?



You Are, Apparently

- Psalm 16 - you will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of JOY; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.
- Psalm 37:3-4 Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and [a]cultivate faithfulness. **4 Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.**
- **In other words, ENJOY HIM and that will lead to receiving your desires**



We Were Created for JOY

- Romans 15:13 - Now may the God of hope fill you with all **joy and peace in believing**, so that you will **abound in hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Philippians 3:1 - Finally, my brethren, **rejoice in the Lord**. To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.
- Philippians 4:4 - **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!**



To Be Perfectly Clear

- Definition of Enjoy - to take pleasure or deep satisfaction in something or someone
- Here is a very important question:
- Did you ENJOY Him this week? Hanging out with Him, drawing near to Him with confidence, knowing you could be 100% yourself and be safe and welcomed and heard and accepted and in all things receive the help and mercy you need?







Where is Your Focus?

Do Better Try Harder

OR

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Good News, YOU ARE

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY



Fear Not, 1 John 4:18

- There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear ^[e]involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love, because He first loved us.
- We also rejoice and have joy and ENJOY HIM because we have become convinced that His love for US has wiped away all those things that the enemy wants us to be afraid of.



Let Us Draw Near

- **16** Therefore let us draw near with **confidence** to the throne of grace, so that we may receive **mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**
- **Don't hide or run away**