

A Faith to Live By

An Independent Study of the
Westminster Confession of Faith

How to use this study guide effectively each week:

1. **Pray** that the Holy Spirit would use the week's material to increase your knowledge of God and His Word. (see Psalm 119:1-8)
2. **Read the Confession of Faith** (WCF) sections listed. Read the proof texts too.
3. **Memorize the Scripture** verse(s) listed.
(Sometimes they may not line up with the particular WCF sections, but they all build to give good memory references for the overall chapter.)
4. **Work through the discussion questions.**
It is best to write down your answers.
The questions may sometimes be difficult. Think, pray, ponder. Don't worry if you don't have answers to everything! We will discuss at our monthly meeting.
Our main goal is thoughtfulness on the matters of God's Word, not getting everything right or clear the first time through.
5. **Come to the monthly discussion** prepared to interact with the material.

Week 2 (3/12)

- Read: WCF 14.2

- Memorize: 2 Thessalonians 2:13

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

- Study questions:

Section 2

1. What relationship to the Word does faith produce in a believer? What does this look like over the course of a Christian's life?

2. What are the principal acts of saving faith? Can you differentiate between them?

Week 3 (3/19)

- Read: WCF 14.3

- Memorize: 1 John 5:4–5

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

- Study questions:

Section 3

1. What degrees of faith does the Confession recognize?
2. What would characterize “weak” faith?
3. What would characterize “strong” faith?
4. Is the Christian’s hope found in the strength of her faith?
5. Why does faith get the victory?

Week of March 26 is catch-up.

Monthly Discussion: Thursday, April 6 @ 7:00pm