# 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.

# **February**

#### Week 1 (2/12)

- Read: WCF 13.1
- Memorize: Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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Stud	ly questions:
ection 1	
1.	After reading section 1, write a definition of "sanctify".
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2.	Who gets sanctified?
3.	How does sanctification happen?
4.	Sanctification is two primary things that happen in conjunction with one another. What are they?

#### Week 2 (2/19)

- Read: WCF 13.2

- Memorize: Galatians 5:17

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

- Study questions:

### Section 2

1. What is the extent (or scope) of sanctification?

2. Why is sanctification imperfect in this life?

3. What do you think it means that the "flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh"?

#### Week 3 (2/26)

- Read: WCF 13.3
- Memorize: Romans 8:11

  If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.
- Study questions:

### Section 3

1. Does it ever feel to you like sin is winning the battle of your soul?

2. What comfort does section 3 offer to a Christian who is experiencing this feeling?

3. Why does the "regenerate part overcome"?

Monthly Discussion: Thursday, March 2 @ 7:00pm