

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.

May

Week 1 (6/18)

- Read: WCF 17.1

- Memorize: John 10:28

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

- Study questions:

Section 1

1. What does it mean to persevere, in the sense that section one describes it?

2. Who are the subjects of perseverance?

3. What is true of them in this doctrine of perseverance?

Week 2 (6/25)

- Read: WCF 17.2

- Memorize: Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- Study questions:

Section 2

1. Upon what does perseverance depend?

2. Upon what does it NOT depend?

3. What is the seed of God?

4. How do these truths encourage us in our Christian walk?

Week 3 (7/2)

- Read: WCF 17.3

- Memorize: Isaiah 64:7

There is no one who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

- Study questions:

Section 3

1. Does perseverance mean Christians cannot fall into sin?
2. What are the reasons section 3 gives for why a Christian may fall into grievous sin?
3. What are the effects of such sin?

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