

Study of WSC Questions 1 & 2
Led by Steven Anderson
15 February 2026

The purpose of this study is to encourage memorization of the Shorter Catechism and to examine the scriptural basis thereof.

Assignment: Note how each included Scripture reference supports the catechism answer. It is perfectly acceptable to observe: "I do not believe this verse supports the answer," while being prepared to state why. After each set of supporting verses, state a pastoral application, answering the question. "How does knowing this answer assist one's Christian walk?"

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

1 Cor. 10:31.

Rom. 11:36.

Rev. 4:11.

Ps. 73:25-28.

Pastoral application:

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

2 Tim. 3:16.

Rev. 22:18,19.

Eph. 2:20.

1 Chron. 1:17.

1 John 1:3-4.

Pastoral application:

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

1 Cor. 10:31.

Do all to the glory of God, even eating and drinking.

Rom. 11:36.

All things are “to” Him, showing ultimate purpose.

Rev. 4:11.

The heavenly beings and the leading saints cast their crowns before the Creator and ascribe all honor, glory, and power to Him.

Ps. 73:25-28.

The Psalmist's all-consuming desire is to be with God Himself.

Pastoral application:

It is very comforting during times of stress and it is guiding through a confusing world to know for certain what our life's primary purpose is.

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

2 Tim. 3:16.

All Scripture is inspired by God for our doctrine.

Rev. 22:18,19.

God jealously guards the integrity of the Scriptures.

Eph. 2:19,20.

The Church is built on the foundation of the Apostles, i.e., the Bible.

1 Chron. 1:17.

Bogus.

1 John 1:3-4.

The Apostle John wrote what he had witnessed, that the Church may have fellowship with God and that her joy may be full.

Pastoral application:

This answer exhorts us to stay close to His Word, in study and practice, for that is the only ultimately reliable source of information on how we may please God.