

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

WSC Q.32. *What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?*

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them. **See Romans 8:30 & 1 Cor. 1:26-30.**

WCF V.V The most wise, righteous, and gracious God doth oftentimes leave for a season his own children to manifold temptations and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they be humbled; and to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support unto himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends. **Compare Mark 14:66-72 with John 21:15-17.**

Confessing for God's Glory The Truth About The Holy Spirit

Acts 2:32-41

Lessons?

- 1) Spirit is proof of God's sovereignty towards the hostile (Acts 2:13, 37)
- 2) God's Spirit given is proof of God's promise towards sinners (Acts 2:39)
- 3) God's Spirit given is the guarantee of all God's benefits in this life and the life to come (Rom. 8:30)

The doctrine of the Spirit's effectual call isn't a dusty study in the science of salvation. It doesn't support the claim that sovereign salvation means that God is disinterested when He saves or that He grudgingly saves out of obligation. God "saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit" in "kindness" and "love" (Titus 3:4-5). God's call provides great assurance to those who have come to Christ and gives hope to those who are beginning to feel they must. (Boekestein; Cruse & Miller, "Glorifying and Enjoying God", p 79)

LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

May 24, 2026



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude

Salutation

Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn**

God Moves in a Mysterious Way
128 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1-5)

1 God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

2 Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill
he treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

3 Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

5 His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.**

Invocation & God's Law

Isaiah 63:11-17 (p 740 pew Bible)

Psalm of Confession

Psalm 51:2-12 (p 560 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 51:1 (p 560 pew Bible)

Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Acts 2:32-41 (pp 1082 pew Bible)

Sermon Confessing for God's Glory The Truth About The Holy Spirit

Prayer of Application

* Closing Hymn

A Debtor To Mercy Alone
463 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
nor fear, with thy righteousness on, my person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do;
my Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.

2 The work which his goodness began, the arm of his strength will complete;
his promise is yea and amen, and never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now, nor all things below or above,
can make him his purpose forgo, or sever my soul from his love.

3 My name from the palms of his hands eternity will not erase;
impressed on his heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is giv'n;
more happy, but not more secure, the glorified spirits in heav'n.**

* Benediction

*Please stand if able

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 24, 2026

THIS WEEK

- **Wed, May 27, 7:00 pm: Zoom Study**
- **Thu, May 28, 1:30 pm: Bible Study**
- **Fri-Sat May 29 & 30** Summer camp staff training meeting: E4K and Covenant Kids' Camp

UPCOMING

- **Covenant Kids' Camp** is July 20-24 Camper Registration now active on COPCVT.org.
- **English for Kids Camp, Quebec** June 27-July 4
- **Green Mountain Youth Campout** August 6-8, Lake Elmore State Park.

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