

Questions Chapter 2: God and the Holy Trinity

1) Who made God?

2) Who is God?

3) Please read paragraph one, what observations regarding the punctuation may provide a clue to discern the structure of the Confession?

4) Why should we expect to be confronted with mystery when studying the doctrines, especially the doctrine of God?

5) Is the statements about the attributes of God and His relation to his creatures Calvinistic or Arminian in reflection? Who may have more of an issue with these first two paragraphs? Why?

6) Modern day theology separates God's attributes into two distinction categories: incommunicable and communicable. Why does this seem to be lacking in the Confession? Is this a good idea or a bad one?

7) How many groupings does the Confession articulate God's attributes in paragraph one?

8) What does Deut. 6:4 teach us about God, is it Trinitarian in nature?

9) Look up Isaiah 48:12, what is the ramifications of this verse in regards to God's character?

- 10) Can man truly comprehend God fully? See Romans 11:33-34 for help.
- 11) If God is Spirit, why does the Scriptures talk about His right hand, His eyes, etc?
- 12) What does it mean that God has no passions? Doesn't God love His elect? Does He not passionately protect His name?
- 13) According to the Confession, God dwells in light that no man can approach. How then will we see God?
- 14) What comes to mind when we say, "infinite"? How does this apply to the characteristics of God as listed in the fifth section of paragraph 1?
- 15) Open to Isaiah 46:9-10, What does this tell us about God? Can anyone thwart His purpose?
- 16) What is open theism and how does this part of the confession deal with such teaching?
- 17) Exodus 34:6-7: What does this passage indicate? Are these attributes truly communicable to man, why or why not?
- 18) Is God Just?

19) Does God have the right to do with His creation and creatures as He pleases, according to paragraph 2?

20) Can God be sovereign and not be omniscient over His creation?

21) What do we owe God as His created beings? Is it too much to be asked?

22) What would be your response if someone asked you if you worshiped three gods?

23) What does "eternally begotten" mean?

24) Reading paragraph 3, what would be the sources that the authors drew upon to write it?

25) Would it be right to say that the doctrine of the Trinity is irrational? Why or why not?

26) What are the three parts of the doctrine of the Trinity?

27) Can someone be a Christian and deny the doctrine of the Trinity? Explain.