**SESSION FOUR
THE SACRAMENTS AND THE END TIMES
*(WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH,* CHAPTERS 27-33)**

 **Class Study Questions
(to be completed before class)**

 **Chapter XXVII. The Sacraments (WSC 88-93; WLC 153-164)**

1.Define what a sacrament is. (WCF 27-1)

2. What are the purposes of the Sacraments? (WCF 27-1)

3. What is present in each sacrament? (WCF 27-2)

4. How many sacraments are there? What are they? (WCF 27-4)

5*.* What determines the efficacy of the sacraments? (WCF 27-3)

6. The *Confession* states that the sacraments of the Old Testament were the same in

substance as the sacraments of the New Testament. In what ways are these sacraments the same?

1. Baptism and Circumcision?

2. The Lord’s Supper and the Passover?

**Chapter XXVIII. Baptism (WSC 94-95; WLC 165-167)**

1. What is baptism and what does it symbolize or signify?

2.What is necessary for a lawful baptism? (WCF 28-2)

3. What three modes of baptism are found in the church and which best symbolize God’s

grace? (WCF 28-3)

4. Who should be baptized? Why?

5. Explain in your own words what WCF 28-6 means.

**Chapter XXIX.** **The Lord’s Supper (WSC 96-97; WLC 168-177)**

1. What is the meaning and purpose of the Lord’s Supper?

2. What makes the Lord’s Supper different from the Roman Catholic “Sacrifice of the

Mass”? (WCF 29-2)

3. Christ is present in the sacrament in a sacramental manner. When believers receive the

Supper by faith, how do they receive Christ? (WCF 29-7) Pinpoint two key words to this answer:

1.

2.

4. Is Christ present in the elements of bread and wine? (WCF 29-7)

5. Why would we never administer “private” communion?

**Chapter XXX. Church Censures**

1.Who designed our biblical form of church government?

2. What are the powers of “the keys to the kingdom”?

3. Define what a “church censure” is.

4 What are the three kinds of church censure?

1.

2.

3.

**Chapter XXXI. Synods and Councils**

1.What is the purpose of synods and councils?

2. Do church councils make mistakes?

3. What sort of matters should church councils deal with?

4. Does WCF 31-4 teach “separation of church and state” as now understood and applied

in U.S. government?

**Chapter XXXII. The State of Man after Death and the Resurrection of the Dead**

**(WSC 37; WLC 84-85,87)**

1. What happens to believers at death? What happens to unbelievers after death?
2. Why do we reject the idea of purgatory? Annihilationism? Soul sleep?
3. Do the unconverted receive a resurrection? How does it differ from that of believers?
4. The resurrection affects men differently. What will the final state be for believers and unbelievers?

**Chapter XXXIII. The Last Judgment (WSC 38; WLC 88-90)**

1. What is meant by the Last Judgment?

2. Why does God want us to be aware of the Last Judgment to come?

3. There are three historic options in eschatology: Premillenialism, Postmillenialism, and

Amillenialism. Which one does the *Confession* teach?