

WCF XXI: Of Religious Worship & The Sabbath Day

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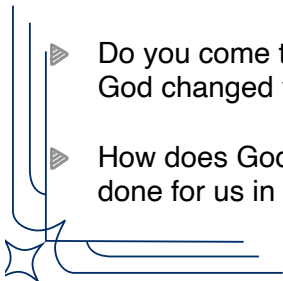
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1. The light of nature shows that there is a God who has lordship and sovereignty over all, is good and does good to all, and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called on, trusted in, and served with all one's heart, with all one's soul, and with all one's might. But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by himself and is limited to his own revealed will. Therefore he may not be worshipped according to the imaginations and inventions of mankind or the suggestions of Satan, in any visible representation, or in any other way not prescribed in the holy Scriptures.

2. Religious worship is to be given to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to him alone, not to angels, saints, or to any other creature. Also, since the fall of mankind, worship cannot occur without a mediator, nor in the mediation of anyone other than Christ alone.



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