Of God and the Holy Trinity (Part 2) – Revelation 5:11-14

Baptist Confession of Faith (1689) Chapter 2, Paragraph 2

The Doctrine of God

God is Self-Sufficient

- God alone has, in Himself, all life, glory, goodness, and blessedness (Ps. 148:13).
- God lacks for nothing in Himself He is complete (Is. 6:3).
- God has neither need nor lack for anything (Job 22:2).
- God does not derive glory from anything, but only demonstrates it.

God is Sovereign

- God alone is the giver and maker of all life.
- All things are from Him, to Him, and for Him (Rom. 11:36).
- God rules and reigns over all creation in all places at all times (Daniel 4:25, 34-35).
- God knows all things (Heb. 4:13).
- God's 'knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent of creation, so as nothing is to Him contingent or uncertain'
 (Ezk. 11:5; Acts 15:18).

God Alone is to Be Worshipped

- God alone is holy in all His counsel, works, and commands (Ps. 145:17).

- All beings owe God worship, service, and obedience as He has commanded.
- God demands our obedience by right of His decree.
- Believers joyfully worship and submit to God out of an acknowledgment of His grace and goodness.

Application:

- 1) Awe: We ought to be amazed and wonder at the Lord our God, for there is no one like Him!
- 2) Thanksgiving: God has need of nothing, and yet has created everything, and created it good!
- 3) Obedience: Let us with increasing fervor and consistency obey the Lord!
- 4) Meditation: Take time daily to contemplate in your mind the truths of who God is, what He has done, and what we are called do from His Word.
- 5) Delight: What a joyous privilege we have to worship and enjoy the King forever!

And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears we may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him.

- 1 John 2:28-29