

2010 Fall Membership Class.

Session 4: Question 3.

Question: Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

I. Jesus as the King of the Church.

- WSC Q. 26 *How doth Christ execute the office of a king? A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his, and our enemies.*

II. Christian as Slave of Christ.

“We have been adopted as sons by the Lord with this one condition: that our life express Christ, the bond of our adoption. Accordingly, unless we give and devote ourselves to righteousness, we not only revolt from our Creator with wicked perfidy but we also abjure our Savior himself.” (Calvin, *Institutes* III. VI. 3)

a. Foundation – Justification.

b. Consequence – A life of devotion.

“We are God’s: let us therefore live for him and die for him. We are God’s: let his wisdom and will therefore rule all our actions. We are God’s: let all the parts of our life accordingly strive toward him as our only lawful goal. O, how much has that man profited who, having been taught that he is not his own, has taken away dominion and rule from his own reason that he may yield it to God!” (Calvin, *Institutes* III. VII. 1)