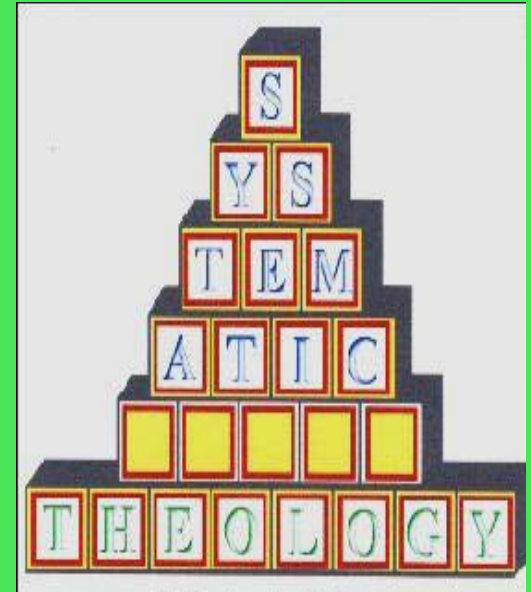
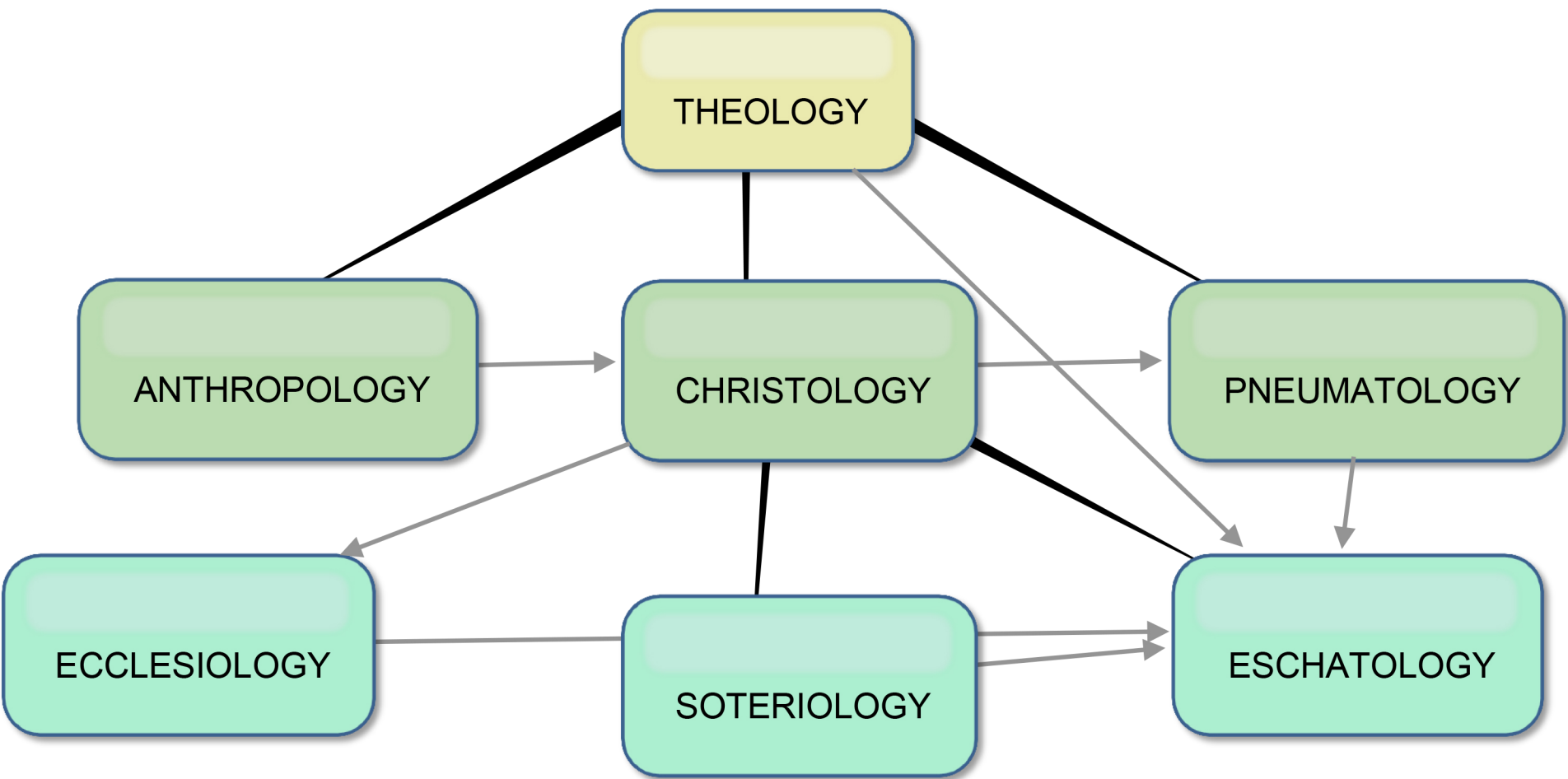


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**Taking the Word to the world
to make true disciples of Jesus Christ
and to mature the members of His body, the Church,
for displaying His likeness and glorifying God our Father
in all we do and say.**

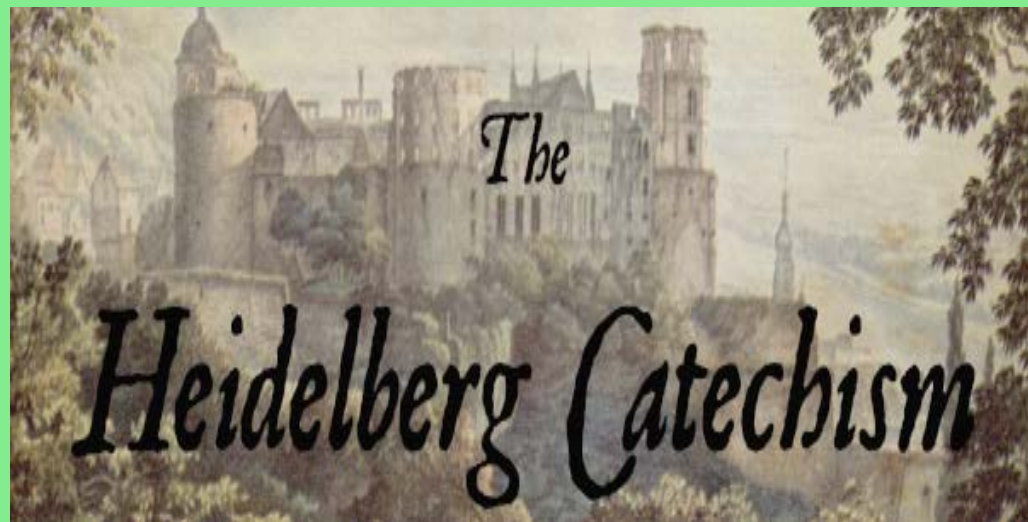
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CATECHISM

*The Westminster
Shorter
Catechism*



I am persuaded that the use of a good Catechism in all our families will be a great safeguard against the increasing errors of the times, and therefore I have compiled this little catechism from the Westminster Assembly's and Baptist Catechisms for the use of my own church and congregation.

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CATECHISM

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What is CATECHIZING ?

Luke 1:4

taught

Acts 18:25

instructed

Romans 2:18

instructed

What is CATECHIZING ?

By word of mouth.

The root, *echeo*,
means *to sound*.



What is CATECHIZING ?

Speaking the instruction, not just writing it.

Hearing the instruction, not just reading it.

Repeating the instruction **orally**, rather than writing it.

What is CATECHIZING ?



The First Principles of the Oracles of God (John Sutcliff, 1783)

Q. My dear child, why should you wish to learn your catechism?

*A. I should wish to learn it, that, through a divine blessing, I may gain some acquaintance with **those things which are of greatest importance.***



CATECHIZING IS...

Teaching the _____ of
theology through the _____
exchange of _____
and _____.

Advantages?



II Timothy 1:13



A FORM OF
SOUND WORDS



TREEOLOGY
THEOLOGY

1

What is the chief end of man?

For from Him **[as their origin]** and through Him [as their effectual means] and to Him **[as their ultimate end]** are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen (NASB; Rom. 11:36).

Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God (KJV; I Cor. 10:31).

Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever (NASB; Ps. 73:25-26).

**The chief end of man is to glorify God,
and to enjoy Him forever.**



2

What must I do in order to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever?

... know the God of your father, and serve [or, worship] Him with a whole heart and a willing mind ... (NASB; I Chron. 28:9).

In all your ways acknowledge [know] Him ... (NASB; Prov. 3:6).

... the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit [my innermost being] and truth [His revealed will]; for such people the Father seeks to worship Him (NASB; John 4:23).

**In order to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever, I
must know and worship Him in spirit and in
truth.**



3

How can I know about God?

By His creation: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the works of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge (NASB; Ps. 19:1-2).

By His preservation: The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing (NASB; Ps. 145:15-16).

By His government: Who is wise? Let him give heed to these things [**see Psalm 107:1-42**], and consider the lovingkindnesses of the LORD (NASB; Ps. 107:43).

**I can know about God by His creation,
preservation, and government of the universe;
*which are before my eyes as a most elegant
book, wherein all creatures, great and small,
are as so many characters leading us to
contemplate “the invisible things of God.”*
(Belgic Confession, Article 2, quoting Rom. 1:20)**



4

How can I know about God most completely?

How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart (NASB; Ps. 119:2).

[Observing His testimonies is to seek and find Him.]

Search the scriptures . . . they are they which testify of me (KJV; John 5:39).

**I can know about God most completely by
the holy scriptures.**

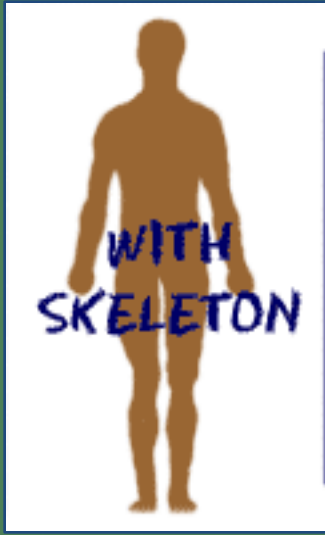


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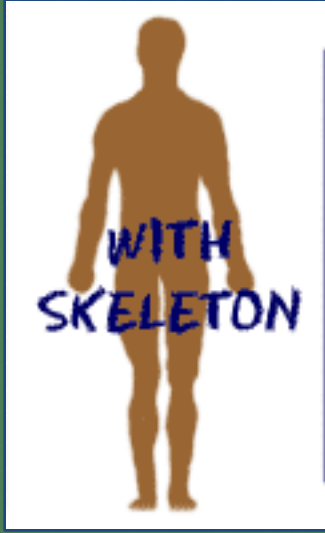
1. Catechizing introduces the Bible's basic theology in the form of a skeleton.





**Thousands of tendons
900 ligaments
640 muscles**





Thousands of tendons
900 ligaments
640 muscles
206 bones

WITHOUT
SKELETON



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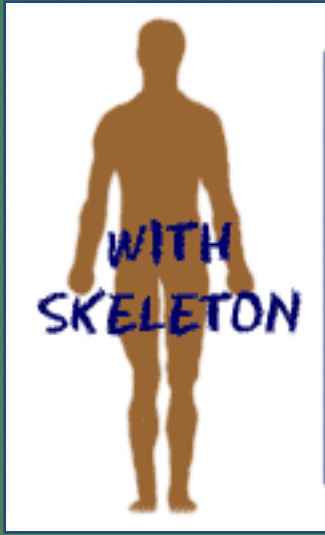


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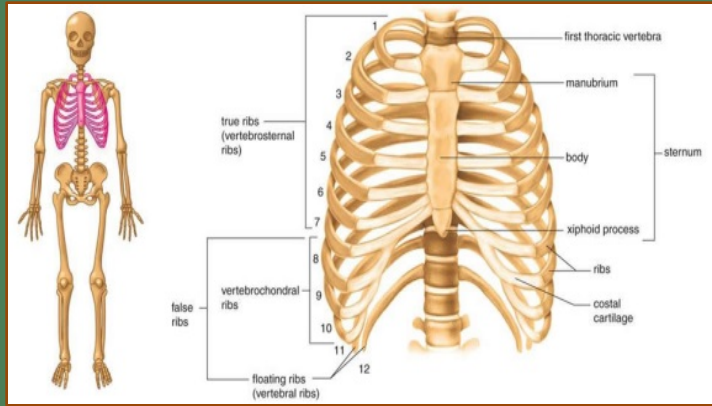


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Catechism



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3. Catechizing contributes to our fulfilling the Great Commission.



The Christian's . . . ABC.

*“In forty questions and answers,
containing principles necessary to be
known for holy hearing, blessed
believing, powerful praying, right
receiving, well doing and dying, and
life everlasting.”*

--John Boys

4. Catechizing equips parents to disciple in orderly theological arrangement.



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Spontaneous *talk*

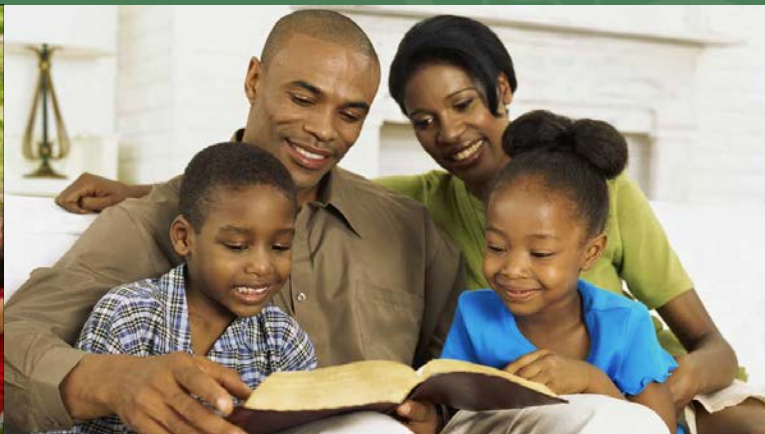


Systematic *teaching*



5. Catechizing provides parents and children a natural opportunity for spiritual interchange.





6. Catechizing can ground an entire church relatively quickly.





7. Catechizing prepares us to defend the faith.



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... always be ready to make a defense to everyone who ask you to give an account for the hope that is in you (I Peter 3:15).

**8. Catechizing wonderfully
assists preaching.**



I fear one reason why there has been no more good done by preaching, has been the chief heads and articles of religion have not been explained in a catechetical way. To preach and not to catechize is to build without foundation. --Thomas Watson

***Catechizing does to the
preaching of the word the same
good office that John the Baptist
did to our Savior; it prepares the
way and makes its paths straight.***

--Matthew Henry

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TREEOLOGY THEOLOGY



Let the Lord be
in it.
Then all the
13 Before the
For He is coming
He will judge
righteousness
And the people
97 The Lord
rejoice;
Let the many
2 Clouds and
surround H