

# DOXOLOGICAL FOCUS AND DISTINCTIVES

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**THE DOXOLOGICAL FOCUS**  
of the  
**WESTMINSTER STANDARDS**  
expresses the  
**DISTINCTIVES OF WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP**

**THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH TEACHES:**

The light of nature and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable. (1.1)

God has all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; and is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures he has made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, unto, and upon them. (2.2)

By the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life [to the praise of his glorious mercy]; and others foreordained to everlasting death [to the praise of his glorious justice]. (3.3)

It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the manifestation of the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning to create, or make of nothing, the world, and all things therein whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days, and all very good. (4.1)

God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy. (5.1)

Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin, God was pleased, according to his wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to his own glory. (6.1)

**THE SHORTER CATECHISM TEACHES:**

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. (SCQ 1)

The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God, and to worship and glorify him accordingly. (SCQ 46)

In the first petition of the Lord's Prayer [which is, *Hallowed be thy name*] we pray that God would enable us and others, to glorify him in all that whereby he makes himself known; and that he would dispose all things to his own glory. (SCQ 101)

**WE BELIEVE THAT:**

**We are to glorify God in all that by which he makes himself known,  
in all his works of creation and providence.**

(see Westminster Fellowship Constitution Appendix B [here](#))