

THE ILLUSTRATED  
**WESTMINSTER**  
SHORTER CATECHISM  
IN MODERN ENGLISH

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And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deuteronomy 6:6-8

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## Introduction

The Westminster Shorter Catechism is a series of questions and answers designed to teach the basic biblical doctrines of the Christian faith. Written by a group of men known as the Westminster Assembly, it was completed in 1647 and has been used in the church ever since.

## Question 1

What is man's primary purpose?

## Answer

Man's primary purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.



Ps. 73:25-26; Rom. 11:36; 1 Cor. 10:31

## Question 14

What is sin?

## Answer

Sin is disobeying or not conforming to God's law in any way.



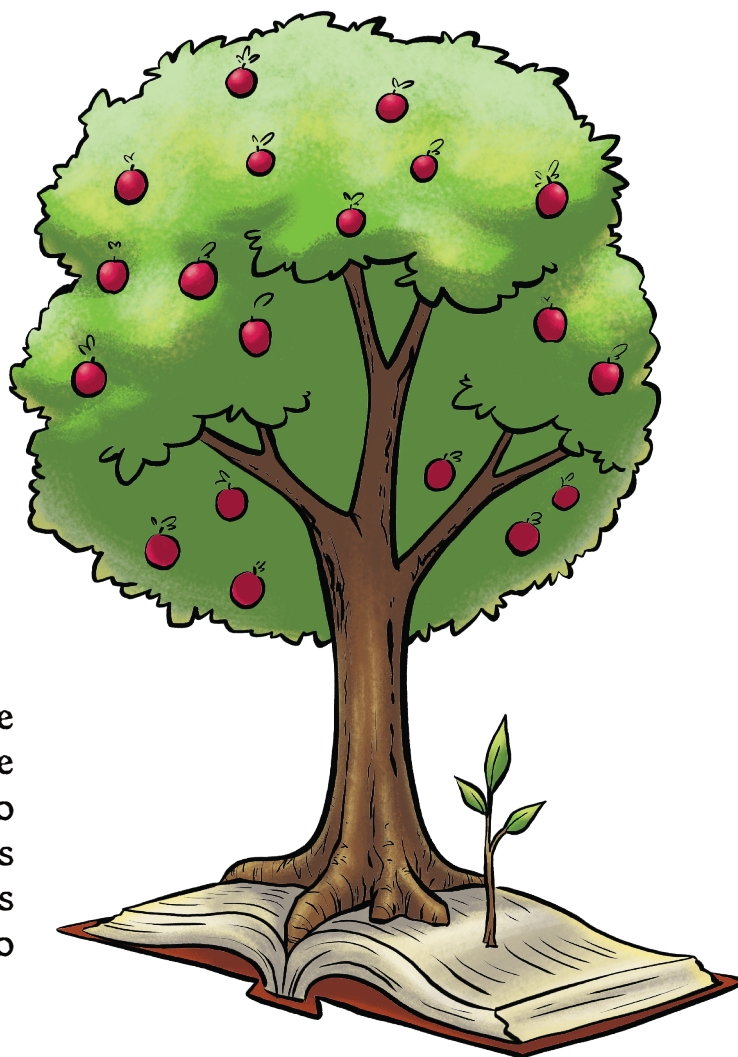
Rom. 4:15; James 2:10; 4:17; 1 John 3:4

## Question 89

What makes the Word effective for salvation?

## Answer

The Spirit of God causes the reading and especially the preaching of the Word to convince and convert sinners and to build them up in holiness and comfort through faith to salvation.



Neh. 8:8; Acts 20:32; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:15; James 1:21