



CHRIST COVENANT REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

But ye are come unto mount Zion... And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant (Hebrews 12.22, 24)

**Scripture Alone—Grace Alone—Faith Alone—By Christ Alone—To God Alone be Glory!
Reformed, and Always Reforming**

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 10/13/2021

Opening Prayer

Psalm: 92.1-9; Page 203

First Exhortation: There remains a delightful Sabbatism for the People of God. Hebrews 4.1-10; Isaiah 58.13-14

Pray for the people of God, that we would cease (as the visible church at large) desecrating the Sabbath.

1. Pray that the Church would move away from an OT verses NT hermeneutic, that relegates Sabbath keeping to a former age, that we might consider and interpret rightly all 10 of God's commandments in their abiding relevance for the people of God, remembering that the Sabbath is made for man. (Exodus 31.14-16)
2. Pray not only for a keeping of Sabbath for the people of God, but a delight in God's institution, that the Church would enjoy the Spiritual benefits of Sabbath-keeping, and seek them, as she learns to draw herself away from the world one whole day in seven, to rest with the Lord each week. (Leviticus 23.3)
3. Pray for those Churches who have a profession of the continuing validity of the 4th Commandment, and do endeavor to keep the Sabbath Day holy, for an improvement in their practice, a greater reverence and appreciation for it, confession and repentance over imperfect keeping of it, and a good testimony in obedience. (Nehemiah 13.22)
4. Pray for preparation for the Sabbath Day among the families of the Church, in family worship, private confession of sin and humility, reading of the Scriptures with reverence, resting upon the mercy of God in Christ, meditation upon the command to draw near, ordering of all worldly affairs, and other means of preparation. (Leviticus 26.2)
5. Pray for a commitment to consistent attendance upon Sabbath ordinances among the members of the visible Church, to worship the Lord with reverence and awe, to be an encouragement to others in such consistency, to serve the Lord in the Worship Services of the Church, as living sacrifices given to Him, for His use. (Romans 12.1-2)
6. Pray for a right consideration of the rest of the days of the week, as they are undertaken for our work's sake, that they would not rule our thoughts, nor weaken our commitment to the 4th commandment, but that the Sabbath would be all the sweeter as we look forward to its weekly rest. (Jeremiah 17.24)
7. Pray for the little ones of the Church, that at an early age they would learn the importance of a holy Sabbath, themselves learning to put away their play on that day, being committed to serving the Lord. (Mark 10.14)

Psalm: 78.66-72; Page 169

Second Exhortation: Keeping a Good Conscience toward the Lord: 1 Timothy 1.5-11; 1 Peter 3.8-17

Pray that the people of God would keep a good conscience before the Lord.

1. Pray for the sound preaching of the Word, that the Church, in her covenantal responsibilities, and in all private obedience, might know her duty, and take it up with joy and vigor, with confidence in her obedience before the Lord. (John 8.32)
2. Pray that the consciences of God's people would be tender—being grieved when in anything the Lord is displeased, and rejoicing when advancement in obedience and understanding is given by the Lord. (Ephesians 4.30)
3. Pray that the people of God would not violate their consciences, whether in things indifferent or sinful, that we would not sinfully bind one another's consciences, but that we would have strong, not weak consciences informed by the Word of God. (Romans 14.1-8)
4. Pray that God's people would not place stumbling-blocks before one another, that we would encourage conscientious obedience, and that we would not contribute to doubt in indifferent activities, but only in that which is sinful. (Romans 14.14-23)
5. Pray that the people of God would recover tenderness where their consciences have been seared, and where habits and custom have pressed out obedience to the Lord's commandments, that in worship, Sabbath-keeping, and other neglected areas we might recover lost ground through sound teaching, that the Spirit of God would restore Biblical tenderness of conscience. (1 Timothy 4.1-2)
6. Pray that God's people would be humble before the Lord and His Word, that the Lord would expose much of the Visible Church to her rebellious ways, and by conviction of conscience, would bring reformation of our understanding and working of our duty before Him. (Hosea 14.1-9)
7. Pray for consciences informed by the Word of God, not by the spirit of the age, vain philosophy, worldly thought-forms, or carnal desire, but for sound meditation upon the Holy Word and ways of the Lord, that God's people might be holy, dedicated to the Lord and his service. (1 Peter 1.13-16)
8. Pray that conscience would not be our rule, but that our consciences would be ruled by God and His Word, they being renewed by the Holy Ghost. (2 Timothy 1.3; Hebrew 10.22)

Psalm 62.7-12, Page 124

Closing prayer