

New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Sunday School: *Jonah: Salvation belongs to the Lord!*

Shorter Catechism Question #32: What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

Answer. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

I. Introduction and Background: **Jonah** was a prophet to the 10 Northern tribes of Israel. **Nineveh** was an ancient Assyrian city, located on the outskirts of Mosul in modern-day northern Iraq. **Joppa** was a coastal city on the Mediterranean sea. **Tarshish** was a city in southern Spain 2500 miles from Joppa.

- A. Genre: Historical narrative or allegory/parable.
- B. Date: 793-758 B.C.
- C. Author: Jonah. Although the book makes no direct claim.

II. Outline:

- A. Running from God's will (Ch 1)
- B. Submitting to God's Will (Ch 2)
- C. Fulfilling God's will (Ch 3)
- D. Questioning God's will (Ch 4)

III. Historical and Theological Themes:

- Gentile Nineveh
- God's Sovereign rule over man and all creation

IV New Testament Consideration:

- Jesus used the repentance of Nineveh to rebuke Israel and their unwillingness to repent (Matt 12:38-41)
- Romans 11: because of Israel's unbelief, salvation comes to the Gentiles.

V. Jonah as a type of Israel/Church

- Jonah was chosen and commissioned by God to be His witness
- Jonah rebelled against God's will
- Jonah was miraculously preserved

Are there any questions or comments?