

October 2nd, 2022

Schedule of Events:

This Week: 9:30 AM Catechism Reading Service
2:30 PM Rev Hofman

Next Week: 9:30 AM Reading Service
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service

Wednesday: Afternoon Coffee Time for senior citizens will be hosted by the 12th-grade class at 2:00 pm in the mini-gym at school. We plan to sing Psalters and have a light lunch. All church and school community members 60 years old and older are welcome.

Friday: Annual harvest sale starting at 1:00 PM with soup supper from 5-8 and auction at 6:30.

-All the Lord willing-

Announcements:

Offerings: 1st offering: General Fund
2nd offering Today: School Fund

2nd offering next week: Living Bread

Catechism classes: to start Oct 9th after morning service. All are encouraged to attend. The adult class will be going through "The Canons of Dordt Explained by Rev C. Vogelaar. Copies are in the entry. All families are encouraged to take a book whether joining us for class or not. Those staying for class just stay in the sanctuary after the service.

Remember in Prayer:

- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses. ("He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." Psalms 102:17)

Meditation:

The Soul of Man:

The Soul of Man The other constituent element of man is the soul, also referred to as his spirit. In Hebrew, it is called (Nephesh), and in Greek (Pneuma). Both words are derivatives of "to breathe," either because it was created by a symbolic act of breathing, is the cause of nasal breathing, or due to its invisibility and mobility. The soul is a spiritual, incorporeal, invisible, intangible, and immortal personal entity adorned with intellect and will. In union with the body it constitutes a human being and by virtue of its inherent propensity is inclined to be and remain united with the body. The soul is a personal entity.

This is evident, first because it possesses both intellect and will, by which it actively loves, hates, rejoices, and mourns. "My soul is exceeding sorrowful" (Matt 26:38); "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:46-47). Secondly, since the soul is separated from the body, it continues both in its essence and existence and will either rejoice in heaven or be grieved in hell. It is therefore a self-contradicting heresy to maintain that the soul is a thought, thus denying the existence of the soul.

(1) If the soul is a thought, thinking being an activity, there must necessarily be a personal entity from which this thought proceeds. If it be maintained that the soul is an essential and independent thought, we have a contradiction, as much as if we were to call that which is black white. An activity and a personal entity are toto genere, that is, too distinctly different from each other, for whatever is an activity is not a personal entity, nor is the contrary true.

(2) Since man repeatedly thinks of new things and generates new thoughts, he would then repeatedly have a new soul, which is absurdity itself.

(3) This is also not consistent with the Word of God which never refers to the soul as a thought. It is also incorrect to state that the soul is a rational essence.

(1) Reasoning is not the essence of the soul, for an activity cannot be the essence of a personal entity, since the former is a consequence of the latter.

(2) The soul is not always engaged in thinking, as is the case during a coma or when it first unites itself to the body prior to the birth of man. What would the unborn fetus be thinking about? And if it were capable of thinking, man would commit actual sin prior to his birth, whereas Paul states, "For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil ..." (Rom 9:11). Instead, the soul is a personal entity which is capable and inclined to think.

Taken from *The Christian's Reasonable Service*.

Notes:

Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name:
Make known his deeds among the people.*

Psalm 105:1

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m

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