

WHAT DID I SAY?

WHEN I JOINED THE CHURCH

—A Study of Church Vows—

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INTRODUCTION

This course is a study of the five questions posed to those who are uniting with a PCA church. The general outline is therefore as follows:

- Session I - “My Predicament”
- Session II - “My Profession”
- Session III - “My Promise”
- Session IV – “My Participation”
- Session V - “My Position”

The idea for such a course was borrowed from Dr. W. G. Foster, former pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Florence, South Carolina, who used this outline for a series of sermons during a week of special services in a church which I was pastoring. Since that time, I have felt a need (and others have concurred) for something that would provide an in-depth look at what we were really saying (or at least, should have been saying) when we said “I do” to those five questions. This course is an attempt to respond to this need.

The course contains more material than might normally be used. In the context of our Vacation Bible School, which provided an hour-and-a-half of teaching time each evening (two 45 minute segments with a twenty minute break between), it fit perfectly. I have also used it for Adult Communicant classes taught over a period of ten weeks dividing the material for each session in half. I have also taught the course in another church over a five night period using basically the same format which we used in Vacation Bible School. Depending on a church’s program, it could also be used on Sunday evenings, Wednesday evenings, for Sunday School classes, home Bible studies, discipleship courses, etc.

My primary resource in this effort was the Word of God, a lot of time, and prayer. This course is not a scholarly dissertation with a lengthy bibliography. It is simply a Bible study designed to teach the truth of God’s Word using the words of our vows to provide an outline. It is my prayer that you will find it a helpful tool in bringing people to greater maturity in Christ.

May the Lord bless you in your continued ministry to the glory of the Lord Jesus who alone is worthy!

In His Victory,
Glen A. McClung