

A SIMPLE EXPOSITION
of the
CHRISTIAN FAITH



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CONVERSATION ONE



The True Worship of God, and Good Intentions

THE CHIEF GOOD OF MAN, AND THE END FOR WHICH GOD CREATED HIM

MATTHEW: What is it that men naturally desire most in this world?

PETER: To be perfectly happy.

MATTHEW: And what is it to be perfectly happy?

PETER: It is to be delivered and free from all evil, to live in perpetual peace and joy, and to enjoy every good thing.

MATTHEW: And how is man's true and chief good found by which he can be happy as you have stated?

PETER: Man's good is found in the chief reason for which God created him in His image and likeness and placed him in the world (Genesis 1:26-27; 9:6; Proverbs 16:4; Isaiah 43:1).

MATTHEW: What then is the chief reason for which God created man and placed him in the world?

PETER: To be glorified in Him and through Him (Ezekiel 36:22-23; Psalm 115:1; Romans 11:36; I Corinthians 6:20).

MATTHEW: What is the true means by which God can be glorified in and through man?

PETER: By the true knowledge of Him, which leads man to honor Him as his God and Creator with the true honor due Him, which He requires of man (Colossians 1:13-17; Deuteronomy 4:5-6; 32:1-4; Matthew 1:1; John 17:1-8; Ephesians 1:9-13).