

Introduction

- I. A. 2 of the HC gives to us the outline of the HC and the outline of our salvation.
- II. Why preach on this for baptism?

Opening Our Blind Eyes

- I. **What Does It** - How do we come to know our misery and sin?
 - A. How does the law function?
 1. Isaiah 6:5 is Isaiah's confession of sin. How did he get there?

 2. How do we come to know our misery and sin?
 - B. What does this have to do with the law?
 1. The law reveals God's glory, majesty, and purity - Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

 2. The reading of the law serves this purpose in our worship.

 3. What important application we see then for salvation and baptism.

II. What We Learn

- A. God shows us in His law that we are prone by nature to hate God and the neighbor.
 1. The idea of the depravity of man has been turned upside down in the world today.

 2. From head to toe man is depraved.
- B. God's law reveals that sin is misery for the way of transgressors is hard (Prov. 13:15).

III. Why We Need This

- A. From seeing God's majesty and holiness we come to humility.

- B. Important for our worship - don't just get through the preliminaries in worship.