

# Charles Hodge

## Quotes

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The Galatians are severely censured for giving heed to false doctrines, and are called to pronounce even an apostle anathema, if he preached another gospel.

~Charles Hodge

The best evidence of the Bible's being the word of God is to be found between its covers. It proves itself.

~Charles Hodge

To be in Christ is the source of the Christian life; to be like Christ is the sum of his excellence; to be with Christ is the fullness of his joy.

~Charles Hodge

The grace of God exalts a man without inflating him, and humbles a man without debasing him.

~Charles Hodge

The gospel is so simple that small children can understand it, and it is so profound that studies by the wisest theologians will never exhaust its riches.

~Charles Hodge

Sanctification is not a work of nature, but a work of grace. It is a transformation of character effected not by moral influences, but supernaturally by the Holy Spirit.

~Charles Hodge

Faith is not a blind, irrational conviction. In order to believe, we must know what we believe, and the grounds on which our faith rests.

~Charles Hodge

This is true religion, to approve what God approves, to hate what he hates, and to delight in what delights him

~Charles Hodge

If all Church power vests in the clergy, then the people are practically bound to passive obedience in all matters of faith and practice; for all right of private judgment is then denied.

~Charles Hodge

The doctrines of grace humble man without degrading him and exalt him without inflating him.

~Charles Hodge

When we are weak, then are we strong. When most empty of self, we are most full of God.

~Charles Hodge

No more soul-destroying doctrine could well be devised than the doctrine that sinners can regenerate themselves, and repent and believe just when they please.

~Charles Hodge

Christian humility does not consist in denying what there is of good in us; but in an abiding sense of ill-desert, and in the consciousness that what we have of good is due to the grace of God.

~Charles Hodge

The ultimate ground of faith and knowledge is confidence in God.

~Charles Hodge

Original sin is the only rational solution of the undeniable fact of the deep, universal and early manifested sinfulness of men in all ages, of every class, and in every part of the world

~Charles Hodge

Our duty, privilege, and security are in believing, not in knowing; in trusting God, and not our own understanding. They are to be pitied who have no more trustworthy teacher than themselves.

~Charles Hodge

As we fell in Adam, we are saved in Christ. To deny the principle in the one case, is to deny it in the other; for the two are inseparably united in the representations of Scripture

~Charles Hodge

In opposition... to all the suggestions of the devil, the sole, simple, and sufficient answer is the word of God. This puts to flight all the powers of darkness.

~Charles Hodge

The Popish theory, which assumes that Christ, the Apostles and believers, constituted the Church while our Saviour was on earth, and this organization was designed to be perpetual.

~Charles Hodge

Romanists tell us that the Pope is the vicar of Christ; that he is his successor as the universal head and ruler of the Church on earth. If this is so, he must be a Christ.

~Charles Hodge

But to be the Vicar of Christ, to claim to exercise his prerogatives on earth, does involve a claim to his attributes, and therefore our opposition to Popery is opposition to a man claiming to be God.

~Charles Hodge

There is no form of conviction more intimate and irresistible than that which arises from the inward teaching of the Spirit.

~Charles Hodge

All moral obligation resolves itself into the obligation of conformity to the will of God.

~Charles Hodge

There is more of power to sanctify, elevate, strengthen, and cheer in the word Jesus (Jehovah-Saviour) than in all the utterances of man since the world began.

~Charles Hodge

It is only when men associate with the wicked with the desire and purpose of doing them good, that they can rely upon the protection of God to preserve them from contamination.

~Charles Hodge

It is a thoroughly anti-Christian doctrine that the Spirit of God, and therefore the life and governing power of the Church, resides in the ministry, to the exclusion of the people.

~Charles Hodge

As the Church is the aggregate of believers, there is an intimate analogy between the experience of the individual believer, and of the Church as a whole.

~Charles Hodge

The Church, however, is a self-governing society, distinct from the State, having its officers and laws, and, therefore, an administrative government of its own.

~Charles Hodge

All the reasons which require the subjection of a believer to the brethren of a particular church require his subjection to all his brethren in the Lord.

~Charles Hodge

If, unable to solve the mysteries of Providence, we plunge into Atheism, we only increase a thousand fold the darkness by which we are surrounded

~Charles Hodge

That the apostolic office is temporary, is a plain historical fact.

~Charles Hodge

The Spirit never makes men the instruments of converting others until they feel that they cannot do it themselves; that their skill in argument, in persuasion, in management, avails nothing.

~Charles Hodge

Ruling elders are declared to be the representatives of the people.

~Charles Hodge

When the great promise of the Spirit was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, it was fulfilled not in reference to the apostles only.

~Charles Hodge

True zeal is connected with a holy life. It is remarkable how often the greatest zealots for God, the Church, and sound doctrine (as they regard it), have been unholy and even immoral in their lives.

~Charles Hodge

All Church power is, therefore, properly ministerial and administrative. Everything is to be done in the name of Christ, and in accordance with his directions.

~Charles Hodge

The office of presbyters is a permanent one.

~Charles Hodge

It is important that when we come to die we have nothing to do but die.

~Charles Hodge

If the Church is a living body united to the same head, governed by the same laws, and pervaded by the same Spirit, it is impossible that one part should be independent of all the rest.

~Charles Hodge

There is a great difference between the irreconcilable and the self-contradictory.

~Charles Hodge

The right of the people to a substantive part in the government of the Church is recognized and sanctioned by the apostles in almost every conceivable way.

~Charles Hodge

He [man] knows that when he is not what he ought to be; when he does what he ought not to do; or omits what he ought to do, he is chargeable with sin

~Charles Hodge

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