

Lessons Learned from the Antinomian Controversy (Outline)

Eph. 2:1-10

- I. The Charges Against Anne Hutchinson
 - A. Charges Brought by the Civil Authorities
 - B. Examination Brought by the Churches Authorities
 - 1. Ministers Synod Before the Civil Trial
 - 2. Examination by her Church After the Trial

- II. Anne's Theology and Character Called into Question
 - A. Her Theological Folly Exposed
 - B. Her Questionable Character Examined
 - C. Her Sad and Violent End

- III. Lessons We Can Learn from the Antinomian Controversy
 - Be mindful that controversies can have a devastating affect on the gospel.
 - Be careful not to minimize doctrine and overemphasize perceived injustices – especially in theological controversies.
 - Be careful to not abandon your love for people in the midst of controversy.
 - Be careful of wanting to be thought holy rather than actually wanting to be holy – especially in places where holiness is stressed.
 - Remember that pride is often at the root of many controversies.
 - Be careful to not make your progressive sanctification the sole basis for assurance of salvation.

- IV. The Clearing of Cotton's Reputation
 - A. His Pastoral Care
 - B. His Impact on Congregationalism

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