

# Heidelberg Catechism

## Lord's Day 7

### Overview/Purpose

Lord's Day 7 contains three very important and essential topics. Having understood our mode of deliverance through Christ, we must now carefully examine who the recipients of this deliverance are as stated in question 20. In question 21, we are introduced to the subject of faith, which is the means by which we are made partakers of the mediative work of Jesus Christ. Questions 22 and 23 direct our attentions to the message of the Gospel as outlined in the Apostles' Creed.

### Method

Following the Trivium, the grammar stage calls for rote memorization. Constant drilling and recitation is absolutely necessary and will require direct parental participation.

### Suggested Materials For Parents

See "The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism", pgs 106-119.

### Word Definitions

• Men	• Perish/Perished	• Adam
• Saved	• Christ	• Ingrafted
• Benefits	• True faith	• Certain
• Knowledge	• Truth	• God
• Revealed	• Word	• Assured confidence
• Holy Ghost	• Gospel	• Heart
• Remission of Sin	• Everlasting	• Righteousness
• Salvation	• Freely	• Merely
• Grace	• Sake	• Christ's merits
• Necessary	• Christian	• Believe
• Promised	• Articles	• Catholic

• Briefly	• Teach	• God the Father
• Almighty	• Maker	• Heaven
• Earth	• Jesus Christ	• Begotten
• Lord	• Conceived	• Holy Ghost
• Born	• Virgin Mary	• Suffered
• Pontius Pilate	• Crucified	• Dead
• Buried	• Descended	• Hell
• Rose	• Ascended	• Heaven
• Right hand of God the Father Almighty	• Judge	• Quick
• Holy catholic church	• Communion of the Saints	• Forgiveness of sins
• Resurrection	• Life everlasting	• Amen

### **Suggested Activities**

- Review word definitions
- Memory game to review word definitions and catechism questions
- Spelling test using the words in this catechism lesson
- Memorize key bible verses
- Service projects to reinforce the lessons found in the catechism questions
  
- Many opportunities for creativity!

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Question 20. Are all men then, as they perished in Adam, saved by Christ?

**Answer.** No; only [a] those who are ingrafted into him, [b] and receive all his benefits, by a true faith.

Question 21. What is true faith?

**Answer.** True faith is not only a certain knowledge, [c] whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in his word, but also an assured [d] confidence, which the Holy [e] Ghost works by the gospel, [f] in my heart; that not only to others, but to me also, [g] remission of sin, everlasting righteousness [h] and salvation, are freely given by God, [i] merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

Question 22. What is then necessary for a christian to believe?

**Answer.** All things [j] promised us in the gospel, which the articles of our catholic undoubted christian faith briefly teach us.

Question 23. What are these articles?

**Answer.** 1.I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. 2.And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; 3.Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; 4.Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; 5.The third day he rose from the dead; 6.He ascended into heaven; and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; 7.From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. 8.I believe in the Holy Spirit; 9.The holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; 10.The forgiveness of sins; 11.The resurrection of the body 12.And the life everlasting. AMEN.

[a]: Mat. 1:21; Isa. 53:11

[b]: John 1:12,13; Rom. 11:20; Heb. 10:39

[c]: John 6:69; John 17:3; Heb. 11:3,6

[d]: Eph. 3:12

[e]: Rom. 4:16,20,21; Heb. 11:1; Eph. 3:12; Rom. 1:16; 1Cor 1:21; Acts 16:14; Mat. 16:17; John 3:5

[f]: Rom. 10:14,17; Mat. 9:2

[g]: Rom. 5:1

[h]: Gal. 2:20

[i]: Rom. 3:24,25,26

[j]: John 20:31; Mat. 28:19,20