

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 13

Overview/Purpose

Questions 33 and 34 of the catechism deal with the deity of the Son of God. Much can be said of this topic since it is the foundation of our Salvation, however, these points are of importance (not inclusive):

- Christ is the only begotten, natural, proper and eternal Son of God.
- Christ in his full deity existed before his physical incarnation
- The Son of God is a person distinct from the Father and the Holy Ghost
- The Son of God is equal with the Father and the Holy Ghost
- The Son of God is con-substantial, or of the same essence with the Father and the Holy Ghost
- Christ has dominion over creation, and over the sustenance and government of all men
- Christ alone is our mediator, who has redeemed us by his blood, from sin and death, delivered us from the power of the devil and set us apart for himself
- Christ defends us even to the end, and keeps us unto eternal life, not only be preserving our bodies from injuries, but our souls also from sin.
- The Father has ordained Christ that he might through him accomplish all things in heaven and on earth

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 181-205.

Word Definitions

• Christ	• Begotten	• Son
• God	• Children	• Eternal

• Natural	• Adopted	• Grace
• Sake	• Lord	• Redeem/Redeemed
• Soul	• Body	• Sin/Sins
• Gold	• Silver	• Precious blood
• Delivered	• Power	• Devil
• Property		

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 33. Why is Christ called the only begotten Son of God, since we are also the children of God?

Answer. Because Christ alone is the eternal and natural Son of [a] God; but we are children [b] adopted of God, by grace, for his sake.

Question 34. Wherefore callest thou him our Lord?

Answer. Because he hath redeemed us, both soul and body, from all our sins, not with gold or silver, [c] but with his precious blood, and hath delivered us from all the power of the devil; and thus hath made us his own property.

[a]: John 1:1; Heb. 1:2

[b]: Rom. 8:15,16,17; Eph. 1:5,6

[c]: 1Pet. 1:18,19; 1Cor. 6:20