

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 21

Question 54. What believest thou concerning the "holy catholic church" of Christ?

Answer. That the Son of God [a] from the [b] beginning to the end of the world, gathers, [c] defends, and [d] preserves to himself by his [e] Spirit and word, out of the [f] whole human race, a [g] church chosen to everlasting life, agreeing in true faith; and that I am and for ever shall remain, a [h] living member thereof.

Question 55. What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

Answer. First, that all and every one, who believes, being members of Christ, are in common, [i] partakers of him, and of all his riches and gifts; secondly, that every one must know it to be his duty, readily and [j] cheerfully to employ his gifts, for the advantage and salvation of other members.

Question 56. What believest thou concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

Answer. That God, for the sake of [k] Christ's satisfaction will no more [l] remember my sins, neither my corrupt nature, against which I have to struggle all my life long; but will graciously impute to me the righteousness of Christ; that I may never be [m] condemned before the tribunal of God.

[a]: John 10:11

[b]: Gen. 26:4

[c]: Rom. 9:24; Eph. 1:10

[d]: John 10:16

[e]: Isa. 59:12

[f]: Deut 10:14,15

[g]: Acts 13:48

[h]: 1Cor. 1:8,9; Rom. 8:35ff

[i]: John 1:3,4; Rom. 8:32; 1Cor. 12:13

[j]: 1Cor. 13:5; Phil. 2:4,5,6

[k]: 1John 2:2; 2Cor. 5:19,21

[l]: Jer. 31:34; Psa. 103:3,4,10,11; Rom. 8:1,2,3

[m]: John 3:18

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21:

Believe : _____

Church : _____

Gathers : _____

Defends : _____

Preserves : _____

True faith : _____

Name : _____

Living member : _____

Communion : _____

Saints : _____

Members : _____

Salvation : _____

Forgiveness : _____

Satisfaction : _____

Remember : _____

Corrupt nature : _____

Name : _____

Impute : _____

Righteousness : _____

Condemned : _____

Name : _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. 1Cor. 1:8,9

How does Jesus Christ preserve you?

2. 1Cor. 12:13

Based on this verse, how does God view the individual members of the body of Christ?

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3. Phil. 2:4,5,6

How are we to function as members of Christ's church? Please explain.

4. Rom. 8:1,2,3

Based on this verse, please describe how you are no longer under the "law of sin and death".

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5. Psa. 103:3,4,10,11

How great is God's love for you? Use these verses or examples you are familiar with to come up with your answer.
