

# Heidelberg Catechism

## Lord's Day 22

### Overview/Purpose

Questions 57 and 58 are intended to answer the following questions about the resurrection of the body and life everlasting:

- Is the soul immortal?
- Where is it when separated from the body?
- What is the resurrection?
- What certainty do I have that there will be a resurrection?
- What kind of bodies will rise in the resurrection?
- How will the resurrection happen?
- When will the resurrection take place?
- Who will do it?
- Why will it happen?
- What is everlasting life?
- Who gives everlasting life?
- Who is everlasting life given to?
- Why is everlasting life given?
- How is everlasting life given?
- When is everlasting life given?
- What assurance do we have of everlasting life?

### 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 309-324.

### Word Definitions

• Afford	• Article	• Beginning
• Body	• Body	• Body

• Christ	• Comfort	• Conceive
• Ear	• Entered	• Eternal joy
• Eye	• Feel	• Glorious
• God	• Head	• Heard
• Heart	• Immediately	• Inherit
• Life	• Life everlasting	• Made
• Man	• Perfect salvation	• Power
• Praise	• Raised	• Resurrection
• Reunited	• Soul	• Soul
• Taken		

### **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 57. What comfort doth the "resurrection of the body" afford thee?

**Answer.** That not only my soul after this life shall be immediately taken [a] up to Christ its head; but also, that this my body, being raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul, and [b] made like unto the glorious body of Christ.

Question 58. What comfort takest thou from the article of "life everlasting"?

**Answer.** That [c] since I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, after this life, [d] I shall inherit perfect salvation, which [e] "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man" to conceive, and that, to praise God therein for ever.

[a]: Luke 23:43; Phil. 1:23

[b]: 1Cor. 15:53; Job 19:25,26

[c]: 2Cor. 5:2,3,6; Rom. 14:17

[d]: Psa. 10:11

[e]: 1Cor. 2:9