

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 23

Question 59. But what doth it profit thee now that thou believest all this?

Answer. That I am righteous in Christ, before God, and an heir of eternal life. [a]

Question 60. How are thou righteous before God?

Answer. Only [b] by a true faith in Jesus Christ; so that though my conscience accuse me, that I have grossly transgressed all the commandments of God, and [c] kept none of them, and am still [d] inclined to all evil; notwithstanding, God, without any [e] merit of mine, but only of mere [f] grace, grants [g] and [h] imputes to me, the perfect [i] satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ; even so, as if I never had had, nor committed any sin: yea, as if I had fully [j] accomplished all that obedience which Christ has accomplished for me; [k] inasmuch as I embrace such benefit with a believing heart.

Question 61. Why sayest thou, that thou art righteous by faith only?

Answer. Not that I am acceptable to God, on account of the [l] worthiness of my faith; but because only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, is my righteousness before [m] God; and that I cannot receive [n] and apply the same to myself any other way than by faith only.

- [a]: Rom. 5:1; Rom. 1:17; John 3:36
- [b]: Rom. 3:22ff; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8,9
- [c]: Rom. 3:9ff
- [d]: Rom. 7:23
- [e]: Rom. 3:24
- [f]: Tit. 3:5; Eph 2:8,9
- [g]: Rom. 4:4,5; 2Cor. 5:19
- [h]: 1John 2:1
- [i]: Rom. 3:24,25
- [j]: 2Cor. 5:21
- [k]: Rom. 3:28; John 3:18
- [l]: Psa. 16:2; Eph. 2:8,9
- [m]: 1Cor. 1:30; 1Cor. 2:2
- [n]: 1John 5:10

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 23:

Righteous : _____

True Faith : _____

Conscience : _____

Transgressed : _____

Commandments : _____

Inclined : _____

Evil : _____

Name : _____

Merit : _____

Grace : _____

Imputes : _____

Satisfaction : _____

Obedience : _____

Believing Heart : _____

Righteous : _____

Faith : _____

Satisfaction : _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. Rom. 5:1

Are you righteous before God? If your answer is no, please explain then how we can be at peace with God even though we are all unrighteous, disobedient and God's enemies.

2. Eph. 2:8,9

How have you been saved? What does being "saved" mean?

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3. Gal. 2:16, Rom. 3:28

How are you justified before God? Please explain.

4. 2Cor. 5:21

Who is the one “who had no sin”? How can this person “be sin for us” if he had no sin?
