

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 32

Question 86. Since then we are delivered from our misery, merely of grace, through Christ, without any merit of ours, why must we still do good works?

Answer. Because Christ, having redeemed and delivered us by his blood, also renews us by his Holy Spirit, after his own image; that so we may testify, by the whole of our conduct, our gratitude [a] to God for his blessings, and that he may be [b] praised by us; also, that every one may be [c] assured in himself of his faith, by the fruits thereof; and that, by our godly conversation, others may be [d] gained to Christ.

Question 87. Cannot they then be saved, who, continuing in their wicked and ungrateful lives, are not converted to God?

Answer. By no means; for the holy scripture declares [e] that no unchaste person, idolater, adulterer, thief, covetous man, drunkard, slanderer, robber, or any such like, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

[a]: 1Cor. 6:19,20; Rom. 6:13; Rom. 12:1,2; 1Pet. 2:5,9,10

[b]: Mat. 5:16; 1Pet. 2:12

[c]: 2Pet. 1:10; Gal. 5:6,24

[d]: 1Pet. 3:1,2; Mat. 5:16; Rom. 14:19

[e]: 1Cor. 6:9,10; Eph. 5:5,6; 1John 3:14,15; Gal. 5:21

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32:

Delivered : _____

Misery : _____

Grace : _____

Merit : _____

Good works : _____

Redeemed : _____

Whole of our conduct : _____

Name : _____

Gratitude : _____

Blessings : _____

Fruits : _____

Ungrateful : _____

Unchaste person : _____

Idolater : _____

Adulterer : _____

Thief : _____

Covetous man : _____

Drunkard : _____

Name : _____

Slanderer : _____

Robber : _____

Name : _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. Rom. 6:13

How are we to offer our bodies to God? Why are we to do this?
Please explain.

2. 1 Pet. 2:12

How is God praised by your good conduct? Please explain.

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3. Mat. 5:16

How is God praised by doing good deeds? List some of the good deeds you have done over the past week.

4. Eph. 5:5,6

Why is it impossible for a person who is immoral, impure, or an idolater to be a Christian? (hint: see the answer to question 64).
