

# Heidelberg Catechism

## Lord's Day 33

### Overview/Purpose

Exposition regarding questions 88, 89, 90: "The doctrine touching man's conversion to God now claims our attention, concerning which we must inquire:

- Is conversion necessary?
- What is it?
- Of how many parts does it consist?
- What are the causes of it?
- What are the effects of it?
- Is it perfect in this life?
- In what does the conversion of the godly differ from the repentance of the wicked?"

Exposition regarding question 91: "The doctrine concerning good works belongs properly to this question of the Catechism, concerning which we must enquire particularly:

- What are good works?
- How may they be performed?
- Are the works of the saints pure and perfectly good?
- How can our works please God since they are only imperfectly good?
- Why must we perform good works?
- Do your good works merit any thing in the sight of God?"

"The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism", pg 476.

### 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 467-488.

## Word Definitions

• According	• Christ	• Consist
• Delight	• Flee	• Founded
• Glory	• God	• Good works
• Hate	• Imaginations	• Institutions of Men
• Joy of Heart	• Law of God	• Live
• Love	• Mortification	• New Man
• Old	• Old Man	• Parts
• Performed	• Proceed	• Provoked
• Quickening	• Sincere	• Sins
• Sorrow of Heart	• True conversion of man	• True Faith
• Will of God		

## 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 88. Of how many parts doth the true conversion of man consist?

**Answer.** Of two parts; of [a] the mortification of the old, and the quickening of the new man.

Question 89. What is the mortification of the old man?

**Answer.** It is a [b] sincere sorrow of heart, that we have provoked God by our sins; and more and more to hate and flee from them.

Question 90. What is the quickening of the new man?

**Answer.** It is a sincere joy of heart in God, through Christ, [c] and with love and [d] delight to live according to the will of God in all good works.

Question 91. But what are good works?

**Answer.** Only those which proceed from a true [e] faith, are performed according to the [f] law of God, and to his [g] glory; and not such as are [h] founded on our imaginations, or the institutions of men.

[a]: Rom. 6:4,5,6; Eph. 4:22,23; Col. 3:5; 1Cor. 5:7

[b]: Psa. 51:3,8,17; Luke 15:18; Rom. 8:13; Joel 1:12,13

[c]: Rom. 5:1,2; Rom. 14:17; Isa. 57:15

[d]: Rom. 6:10,11; 1Pet. 4:2; Gal. 2:20

[e]: Rom. 14:23

[f]: 1Sam. 15:22; Eph. 2:2,10

[g]: 1Cor. 10:31

[h]: Deut. 12:32; Ezek. 20:18; Mat. 15:9