

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 5

Question 12. Since then, by the righteous judgment of God, we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, is there no way by which we may escape that punishment, and be again received into favor?

Answer. God will have his justice [a] satisfied; and therefore we must make this full [b] satisfaction, either by ourselves, or by another.

Question 13. Can we ourselves then make this satisfaction?

Answer. By no means; [c] but on the contrary we [d] daily increase our debt.

Question 14. Can there be found anywhere, one, who is a mere creature, able to satisfy for us?

Answer. None; for, first, God will not [e] punish any other creature for the sin which man hath committed; and further, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin, so as to [f] deliver others from it.

Question 15. What sort of a mediator and deliverer then must we seek for?

Answer. For one who is very man, [g] and perfectly righteous; and yet more powerful than all creatures: that is, one who is also very [h] God.

[a]: Ex. 20:5

[b]: Deut. 24:16; 2Cor. 5:14,15

[c]: Job 9:2,3; Job 15:14,15,16

[d]: Mat. 6:12; Isa. 64:6

[e]: Ezek. 18:20

[f]: Rev. 5:3; Psa. 49:8,9

[g]: 1Cor. 15:21; Rom. 8:3

[h]: Rom. 9:5; Isa. 7:14

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 5:

Favor : _____

Justice : _____

Satisfied : _____

Ourselves : _____

Another: _____

Debt: _____

Anywhere : _____

God's eternal wrath: _____

Mediator: _____

Very man: _____

Name : _____

Perfectly righteous: _____

Righteous : _____

Judgement : _____

Deserve: _____

Temporal: _____

Eternal : _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. Job 9:2, 3

How can a mortal be righteous before God?

2. Isaiah 64:6

Do our righteous acts help to satisfy God's justice? If yes, how? If not, why?

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3. Romans 8:3

Based on your definition of the word “mediator”, how is Christ our mediator based on your understanding of this verse?

This verse discusses the gospel of Jesus Christ. What does the word “gospel” mean? What is the gospel of Jesus Christ?
