

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 7

Question 20. Are all men then, as they perished in Adam, saved by Christ?

Answer. No; only [a] those who are ingrafted into him, [b] and receive all his benefits, by a true faith.

Question 21. What is true faith?

Answer. True faith is not only a certain knowledge, [c] whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in his word, but also an assured [d] confidence, which the Holy [e] Ghost works by the gospel, [f] in my heart; that not only to others, but to me also, [g] remission of sin, everlasting righteousness [h] and salvation, are freely given by God, [i] merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

Question 22. What is then necessary for a christian to believe?

Answer. All things [j] promised us in the gospel, which the articles of our catholic undoubted christian faith briefly teach us.

Question 23. What are these articles?

Answer. 1.I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. 2.And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; 3.Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; 4.Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; 5.The third day he rose from the dead; 6.He ascended into heaven; and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; 7.From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. 8.I believe in the Holy Spirit; 9.The holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; 10.The forgiveness of sins; 11.The resurrection of the body 12.And the life everlasting. AMEN.

[a]: Mat. 1:21; Isa. 53:11

[b]: John 1:12,13; Rom. 11:20; Heb. 10:39

[c]: John 6:69; John 17:3; Heb. 11:3,6

[d]: Eph. 3:12

[e]: Rom. 4:16,20,21; Heb. 11:1; Eph. 3:12; Rom. 1:16; 1Cor 1:21; Acts 16:14; Mat. 16:17; John 3:5

[f]: Rom. 10:14,17; Mat. 9:2

[g]: Rom. 5:1

[h]: Gal. 2:20

[i]: Rom. 3:24,25,26

[j]: John 20:31; Mat. 28:19,20

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7:

Perish/Perished : _____

Adam : _____

Saved : _____

Ingrafted : _____

True faith : _____

Certain : _____

Knowledge : _____

Truth : _____

Revealed : _____

Word : _____

Assured confidence : _____

Name : _____

Gospel : _____

Heart : _____

Remission of Sin : _____

Everlasting : _____

Righteousness : _____

Salvation : _____

Freely : _____

Merely : _____

Grace : _____

Christ's merits : _____

Necessary : _____

Christian : _____

Believe : _____

Promised : _____

Articles : _____

Catholic : _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. Heb. 11:3,6

What is meant by "faith"?

2. Rom. 4:16,20,21

Who is Abraham? What did God promise to Abraham? Does this promise apply to you? Please explain.

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3. Rom. 10:14,17

What is the message?

Romans 5:1

How do we now have peace with God?

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4. Rom. 3:24,25,26

In your own words, paraphrase what is discussed in these verses.

5. John 20:31

What do the scriptures say about Jesus Christ? Do you believe this?

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