

# Heidelberg Catechism

## Lord's Day 8

### Overview/Purpose

This Lord's Day introduces the structure of the Apostles' Creed (Question 24). Also introduced is the church's doctrine of the one true God and the three persons of the Godhead (Question 25). The following questions are answered in this Lord's Day:

- "From what does it appear that there is a God?"
- What is the character of that God whom the church acknowledges and worships, and in what does he differ from heathen idols?
- Is he but one, and in what sense do the Scriptures call creatures gods.
- What do the terms Essence, Person, and Trinity signify, and in what do they differ?
- Is it proper to retain these names in the church?
- How many persons of the Godhead are there?
- How are these persons distinguished from each other?
- Why is it necessary for the church to hold fast to the doctrine of the Trinity?"

"The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism", pg 121.

### 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 119-39.

### Word Definitions

• Articles	• Divided	• Parts
• God the Father	• Creation	• God the Son

• Redemption	• God the Holy Ghost	• Sanctification
• Divine essence	• Speakest	• Father
• Son	• Revealed	• His word
• Distinct persons	• Only true	• Eternal 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 24. How are these articles divided?

**Answer.** Into three parts; the first is of God the Father, and our creation; [a] the second of God the Son, and our redemption; [b] the third of God the Holy Ghost, and our sanctification. [c]

Question 25. Since there is but one only [d] divine essence, why speakest thou of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?

**Answer.** Because God hath so [e] revealed himself in his word, that these three distinct persons are the one only true and eternal God.

[a]: Gen 1

[b]: 1Pet. 1:18,19

[c]: 1Pet. 1:21,22

[d]: Deut. 6:4

[e]: Gen. 1:26; Isa. 61:1; John 14:16,17; 1John 5:7; John 1:13; Mat. 28:19; 2Cor. 13:14