

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 11

Overview/Purpose

“The second part of the Creed, which now follows, treats of the mediator. The doctrine of the mediator consists of two parts: the one has respect to the person of the mediator; the other to his office. These two articles are concerning his person; *and in Jesus Christ his only begotten son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary.* The four following articles which bring us down to the article of the Holy Ghost, treat of the office of the mediator. The office of the mediator consists of two parts: his humiliation or merit; and his glorification or efficacy. Now as it respects his humiliation, Christ is meritorious; as it respects his glorification, he is efficacious. The fourth article treats of his humiliation: *Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell.* The fifth and sixth treat of his glorification: *the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.* The seventh which refers to his coming to the judge the world, respects the consummation of his glory, when God will be all in all.”

“The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism”, pg 164.

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 164-169.

Word Definitions

• Son of God	• Jesus	• Savior
• Save	• Deliver	• Sins
• Seek	• Find	• Salvation
• Welfare	• Saints	• Themselves

• Anywhere	• Boast	• Words
• Deeds	• Deny	• Deliverer
• True	• Complete	• True Faith
• Receive	• Necessary	•

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 29. Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is a Savior?

Answer. Because he saveth us, and delivereth us from our [a] sins; and likewise, because we ought not to seek, neither can find [b] salvation in any other.

Question 30. Do such then believe in Jesus the only Savior, who seek their salvation and welfare of saints, of themselves, or anywhere else?

Answer. They do not; for though they boast of him in words, yet in deeds they deny [c] Jesus the only deliverer and Savior; for one of these two things must be true, that either Jesus is not a complete Savior; or that they, who by a true faith receive this Savior, must find all things in him [d] necessary to their salvation.

[a]: Mat. 1:21

[b]: Acts 4:12

[c]: 1Cor. 1:13,31; Gal. 5:4

[d]: Col. 2:20; Isa 9:6,7; Col. 1:19,20