

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 14

Overview/Purpose

Comments regarding question 35:

“The exposition of this question is necessary on account of ancient and modern heretics, who have denied, and who now deny, that the flesh of Christ was taken from the substance of the Virgin”

“The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism”, pg 205.

Comments Regarding question 36:

“First, I believe that this natural Son of God was made true man in a miraculous manner, and that he is on Christ having two natures, the divine and human, joined together by a personal union, and that he was sanctified by the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb.

Secondly, I believe that he is such, true God and true man, and yet but one Christ, and that he was sanctified from his mother's womb, that he might redeem and sanctify me, (which he could not do unless sanctification and union were effected in him) and that I have the right of the adoption of the sons of God, for the sake of this, his Son, conceived and born in the manner just described.”

“The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism”, pg 207.

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 205-211.

Word Definitions

• Word	• Blood	• Born
• Brethren	• Christ	• Conceived
• Covers	• David	• Eternal Son
• Excepted	• Flesh	• God
• God	• Holy conception	• Holy Ghost
• Innocence	• Meaning	• Mediator
• Nativity	• Nature of man	• Operation
• Perfect holiness	• Profit	• Receive
• Sight	• Sin/Sins	• Things
• True seed	• Virgin Mary	•

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 35. What is the meaning of these words-"He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary"?

Answer. That God's eternal Son, who [a] is, and continueth true and eternal [b] God, took upon him the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood [c] of the Virgin Mary, by the operation of the Holy Ghost; [d] that he might also be the true seed of David, [e] like unto his brethren in all things, [f] sin excepted.

Question 36. What profit dost thou receive by Christ's holy conception and nativity?

Answer. That he is our [g] Mediator; and with His innocence and perfect holiness, covers in the sight of [h] God, my sins, wherein I was conceived and brought forth.

[a]: John 1:1; Col. 1:15; Psa. 2:7

[b]: Rom. 9:5; 1John 5:20

[c]: John 1:14; Gal. 4:4

[d]: Mat. 1:18; Luke 1:35

[e]: Psa. 132:2; Acts 2:30; Rom. 1:3

[f]: Phil. 2:7; Heb. 4:15

[g]: Heb. 2:16,16

[h]: Psa. 32:1; 1Cor. 1:30; Rom. 8:34