

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 15

Question 37. What dost thou understand by the words, "He suffered"?

Answer. That he, all the time that he lived on earth, but especially at the end of his life, [a] sustained in body and soul, the wrath of God against the sins of all mankind: that so by his passion, as the only [b] propitiatory sacrifice, he might redeem our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtain for us the favor of God, righteousness and eternal life.

Question 38. Why did he suffer under Pontius Pilate, as judge?

Answer. That he, being innocent, and yet condemned [c] by a temporal judge, might thereby free us from the severe judgment of God to which we were exposed. [d]

Question 39. Is there anything more in his being crucified, than if he had died some other death?

Answer. Yes [there is]; for thereby I am assured, that he took on him the curse which lay upon me; for the death of the cross was [e] accursed of God.

[a]: 1Pet. 2:24; Isa. 53:12

[b]: 1John 2:2; Rom. 3:25

[c]: Luke 23:14; John 19:4; Psa. 69:4

[d]: Gal. 3:13,14

[e]: Deut. 21:23; Gal. 3:13

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 15:

Suffered: _____

Everlasting Damnation: _____

Righteousness: _____

Eternal Life: _____

Innocent: _____

Condemned: _____

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Severe: _____

Judgement: _____

Assured: _____

Curse: _____

Accursed: _____

Wrath: _____

Propitiatory: _____

Sacrifice: _____

Redeem: _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. 1 Pet. 2:24

Who is the "He" of this verse? What does "He himself bore out sins in his body on the tree" and "by his wounds you have been healed" mean? Please explain.

2. 1John 2:2

How is Jesus Christ the propitiatory sacrifice for our sins? Does this really apply to the whole world? Please explain.

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3. Luke 23:14

Although Jesus was found innocent of any wrongdoing, why was he still condemned to death? Please explain.
