

# Heidelberg Catechism

## Lord's Day 20

### Overview/Purpose

Questions 53-58 focus our attention on God, the Holy Ghost:

“There are six articles included in this part of the Creed. The first of these treats of the person of the Holy Ghost; the next of the church, which the Holy Ghost gathers, confirms and preserves; whilst the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting include the benefits of Christ, which the Holy Ghost confers upon the church.

In speaking of the Holy Ghost there are three things which in particular claim our attention: these are his person, his office and his gifts, or operations”

“The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism”, pg 270.

### 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 270-285.

### Word Definitions

• Abide	• Believe	• Benefits
• Christ	• Co-eternal	• Comfort
• Concerning	• Father	• Forever
• Given	• God	• Holy Ghost
• Make	• Partaker	• Son
• True	• True faith	

## **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 53. What dost thou believe concerning the Holy Ghost?

**Answer.** First, that he is true and co-eternal God with the Father and the [a] Son; secondly, that he is also given [b] me, to [c] make me by a true faith, partaker of Christ and all his benefits, that he may [d] comfort me and [e] abide with me for ever.

[a]: Gen. 1:2; Isa. 48:16; 1Cor. 3:16

[b]: Mat. 28:19; 2Cor. 1:22

[c]: Gal. 3:14; 1Pet. 1:2

[d]: Acts 9:31

[e]: John 14:16; 1Pet. 4:14