

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 22

Overview/Purpose

Questions 57 and 58 are intended to answer the following questions about the resurrection of the body and life everlasting:

- Is the soul immortal?
- Where is it when separated from the body?
- What is the resurrection?
- What certainty do I have that there will be a resurrection?
- What kind of bodies will rise in the resurrection?
- How will the resurrection happen?
- When will the resurrection take place?
- Who will do it?
- Why will it happen?
- What is everlasting life?
- Who gives everlasting life?
- Who is everlasting life given to?
- Why is everlasting life given?
- How is everlasting life given?
- When is everlasting life given?
- What assurance do we have of everlasting life?

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 309-324.

Word Definitions

• Afford	• Article	• Beginning
• Body	• Body	• Body

• Christ	• Comfort	• Conceive
• Ear	• Entered	• Eternal joy
• Eye	• Feel	• Glorious
• God	• Head	• Heard
• Heart	• Immediately	• Inherit
• Life	• Life everlasting	• Made
• Man	• Perfect salvation	• Power
• Praise	• Raised	• Resurrection
• Reunited	• Soul	• Soul
• Taken		

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 57. What comfort doth the "resurrection of the body" afford thee?

Answer. That not only my soul after this life shall be immediately taken [a] up to Christ its head; but also, that this my body, being raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul, and [b] made like unto the glorious body of Christ.

Question 58. What comfort takest thou from the article of "life everlasting"?

Answer. That [c] since I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, after this life, [d] I shall inherit perfect salvation, which [e] "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man" to conceive, and that, to praise God therein for ever.

[a]: Luke 23:43; Phil. 1:23

[b]: 1Cor. 15:53; Job 19:25,26

[c]: 2Cor. 5:2,3,6; Rom. 14:17

[d]: Psa. 10:11

[e]: 1Cor. 2:9