

Heidelberg Catechism

LORD'S DAY 24

Question 62. But why cannot our good works be the whole, or part of our righteousness before God?

Answer. Because, that the righteousness, which can be approved of before the tribunal of God, must be absolutely perfect, and in all respects [a] conformable to the divine law; and also, that our best works in this life are all imperfect and [b] defiled with sin.

Question 63. What! do not our good works merit, which yet God will reward in this and in a future life?

Answer. This reward is not of merit, but of grace. [c]

Question 64. But doth not this doctrine make men careless and profane?

Answer. By no means: for it is impossible that those, who are implanted into Christ by a true faith, should not bring forth fruits of [d] thankfulness.

[a]: Gal. 3:10; Deut. 17:26

[b]: Isa. 64:6

[c]: Luke 17:10

[d]: Mat. 7:17,18; John 15:5

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Vocabulary

Please define the following words/terms in the context of the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 24:

Good works : _____

Absolutely : _____

Perfect : _____

Divine Law : _____

Best Works : _____

Imperfect : _____

Defiled : _____

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Merit : _____

Grace : _____

Careless : _____

Profane : _____

Implanted : _____

True Faith : _____

Bring Forth : _____

Fruits : _____

Thankfulness : _____

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Scripture Reading/Comprehension

Please read the following Bible passages and answer the questions:

1. Gal. 3:10

What is meant by “All who rely on observing the law are under a curse”? Can you obey the Law of God perfectly? Please explain.

2. Isa. 64:6

Please explain why even your best works are imperfect before God.

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3. John 15:5

What is this verse describing? What is “fruit”? Please explain.

4. Mat. 7:17,18

Please provide examples of good and bad fruit. Are you the good tree or the bad tree? Please provide an explanation (hint: use question 64 to assist you).
