

# Lord's Day 3

## Heidelberg Catechism

### The First Part – Of the Misery of Man

#### Question 6

Did God then create man so wicked and perverse?

#### Answer

By no means; but God created man good,<sup>1</sup> and after His own image,<sup>2</sup> in true righteousness and holiness, that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love Him, and live with Him in eternal happiness to glorify and praise Him.<sup>3</sup>

#### Question 7

Whence then proceeds this depravity of human nature?

#### Answer

From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise;<sup>4</sup> hence our nature is become so corrupt, that we are all conceived and born in sin.<sup>5</sup>

#### Question 8

Are we then so corrupt that we are wholly incapable of doing any good, and inclined to all wickedness?

#### Answer

Indeed we are,<sup>6</sup> except we are regenerated by the Spirit of God.<sup>7</sup>

**1 Gen. 1:31**

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

**2 Gen. 1:26, 27**

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created he him; male and female created he them.

**Col. 3:10**

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

**Eph. 4:24**

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

**3 Eph. 1:6**

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

**1 Cor. 6:20**

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

**4 Gen. 3:6**

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

**Rom. 5:12**

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

**Rom. 5:18, 19**

Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

**5 Ps. 51:5**

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**Gen. 5:3**

And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, and after his image; and called his name Seth:

**6 Gen. 6:5**

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

**Job 14:4**

Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one.

**Job 15:14**

What is man, that he should be clean? And he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

**7 John 3:5**

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**Eph. 2:5**

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)