

Lord's Day 6

Heidelberg Catechism

The Second Part – Of Man's Deliverance

Question 16

Why must He be very man, and also perfectly righteous?

Answer

Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which hath sinned should likewise make satisfaction for sin;¹ and one who is himself a sinner cannot satisfy for others.²

Question 17

Why must He in one person be also very God?

Answer

That He might, by the power of His Godhead, sustain in His human nature the burden of God's wrath;³ and might obtain for, and restore to us, righteousness and life.⁴

Question 18

Who then is that Mediator, who is in one person both very God and a real righteous man?

Answer

Our Lord Jesus Christ,⁵ *who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.*⁶

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1 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. 5:15

But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

2 1 Pet. 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Isa. 53:11

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

3 1 Pet. 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Acts 2:24

Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Isa. 53:8

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

4 1 John 1:2

(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

Jer. 23:6

In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

2 Tim. 1:10

But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

John 6:51

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

5 Matt. 1:23

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

1 Tim. 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Luke 2:11

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

6 1 Cor. 1:30

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Question 19

Whence knowest thou this?

Answer

From the holy gospel, which God Himself first revealed in Paradise;⁷ and afterwards published by the patriarchs and prophets,⁸ and represented by the sacrifices⁹ and other ceremonies of the law; and, lastly, has fulfilled it by His only begotten Son.¹⁰

7 Gen. 3:15

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

8 Gen. 22:17, 18

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Gen. 28:14

And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Rom. 1:2

(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

Heb. 1:1

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

John 5:46

For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

9 Heb. 10:7, 8

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin though wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein which are offered by the law;

10 Rom. 10:4

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Heb. 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever