

Lord's Day 22

Heidelberg Catechism

The Second Part – Of Man's Deliverance

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 up to Christ its Head;¹ but also, that this my body, being raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul, and made like unto the glorious body of Christ.²

Question 58

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

Answer

That since I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy,³ after this life I shall inherit perfect salvation,⁴ which *eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive,*⁵ and that, to praise God therein for ever.

1 **Luke 23:43**

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Phil. 1:23

For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

2 **1 Cor. 15:53**

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Job 19:25, 26

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

3 **2 Cor. 5:2, 3**

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

2 Cor. 5:6

Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

Rom. 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

4 **Ps. 10:11**

He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

5 **1 Cor. 2:9**

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.