

Lord's Day 38

Heidelberg Catechism

The Third Part – Of Thankfulness

Question 103

What doth God require in the fourth commandment?

Answer

First, that the ministry of the gospel and the schools be maintained;¹ and that I, especially on the sabbath, that is, on the day of rest,² diligently frequent the church of God,³ to hear His word, to use the sacraments, publicly to call upon the Lord,⁴ and contribute to the relief of the poor,⁵ as becomes a Christian. Secondly, that all the days of my life I cease from my evil works, and yield myself to the Lord, to work by His Holy Spirit in me; and thus begin in this life the eternal sabbath.⁶

1 Deut.12:19

Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon the earth.

Tit. 1:5

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

1 Tim. 3:14, 15

These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

1 Cor. 9:11

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

2 Tim. 2:2

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2 Lev. 23:3

Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

3 Acts 2:42

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 2:46

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

1 Cor. 14:19

Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

1 Cor. 14:29

Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

1 Cor. 14:31

For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

1 Cor. 11:33

Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

4 1 Tim. 2:1

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

5 1 Cor. 16:2

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

6 Isa. 66:23

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.