

# Lord's Day 7

## Heidelberg Catechism

### The Second Part – Of Man's Deliverance

#### Question 20

Are all men then, as they perished in Adam, saved by Christ?

#### Answer

No,<sup>1</sup> only those who are ingrafted into Him, and receive all His benefits, by a true faith.<sup>2</sup>

#### Question 21

What is true faith?

#### Answer

True faith is not only a certain knowledge,<sup>3</sup> whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His Word, but also an assured confidence,<sup>4</sup> which the Holy Ghost<sup>5</sup> works by the gospel in my heart;<sup>6</sup> that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sin,<sup>7</sup> everlasting righteousness, and salvation<sup>8</sup> are, freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.<sup>9</sup>

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#### Acts 16:14

And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

#### 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.

#### 6 Rom. 10:14

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

#### Rom. 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

#### Matt. 9:2

And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

#### 7 Rom. 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

#### 8 Gal. 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

#### 9 Rom. 3:24–26

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

#### 1 Matt. 1:21

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

#### 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.

#### 2 John 1:12, 13

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

#### Rom. 11:20

Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

#### Heb. 10:39

But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

#### 3 John 6:69

And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

#### John 17:3

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

#### Heb. 11:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

#### Heb. 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

#### 4 Eph. 3:12

In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

#### 5 Rom. 4:16

Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

#### Rom. 4:20, 21

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

#### Heb. 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

#### Eph. 3:12

In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

#### Rom. 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

#### 1 Cor. 1:21

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

#### Matt. 16:17

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

## Question 22

What is then necessary for a Christian to believe?

### Answer

All things promised us in the gospel,<sup>10</sup> which the articles of our catholic undoubted Christian faith briefly teach us.

<sup>10</sup> John 20:31

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**Matt. 28:19, 20**

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

## Question 23

What are these articles?

### Answer

1. *I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;*
2. *And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;*
3. *Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;*
4. *Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;*
5. *The third day He rose again from the dead;*
6. *He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;*
7. *From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*
8. *I believe in the Holy Ghost.*
9. *I believe an holy catholic church; the communion of saints;*
10. *The forgiveness of sins;*
11. *The resurrection of the body;*
12. *And the life everlasting. Amen.*