Lord's Day 13

Heidelberg Catechism The Second Part – Of Man's Deliverance – Of God the Son

Question 33

Why is Christ called the only begotten Son of God, since we are also the children of God?

Answer

Because Christ alone is the eternal and natural Son of God;¹ but we are children adopted of God, by grace, for His sake.²

Question 34

Wherefore callest thou Him our Lord?

Answer

Because He hath redeemed us, both soul and body, from all our sins, not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood,³ and hath delivered us from all the power of the devil; and thus hath made us His own property.

1 John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Heb. 1:2

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

2 Rom. 8:15–17

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Eph. 1:5, 6

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

3 1 Pet. 1:18, 19

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

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.