

LORD'S DAY 15 OF GOD THE SON

Q 37. WHAT DO YOU UNDERSTAND BY THE WORD "SUFFERED?"

- A. *That during His whole life on earth,
but especially at the end,
Christ sustained,
in body and soul,
the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.*

*This He did in order that
by His suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,
He might redeem our body and soul
from everlasting damnation,
and obtain for us
the grace of God,
righteousness,
and eternal life.*

I Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:12

I John 2:2; 4:10; Romans 3:25-26; Psalm 22:14-16; Matthew 26:38; Romans 5:6

Q 38. WHY DID HE SUFFER "UNDER PONTIUS PILATE" AS JUDGE?

- A. *So that He,
though innocent,
might be condemned by an earthly judge,
and so free us from the severe judgment of God,
that was to fall on us.*

Acts 4:27-28; Luke 23:13-15; John 19:4

Psalm 69:4; II Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 27:24

Q 39 IS THERE ANYTHING MORE IN HIS HAVING BEEN "CRUCIFIED" THAN IF HE HAD SUFFERED SOME OTHER DEATH?

- A. *Yes.
By this I am assured
that He took upon Himself the curse
which lay on me,
because the death of the cross was cursed by God.*

Galatians 3:13-14

Deuteronomy 21:22-23; Philippians 2:8

I suggest using a notebook to record your answers, thoughts, and questions that come to mind as you read the catechism and scripture. When we meet it will help to have something written that you can refer back to as we discuss the lessons and pray for each other.

As we enter the second part of the catechism our attention turns from our sin to our deliverance. Write down two or three attributes of the Lord Jesus Christ from each week's lesson.

LORD'S DAY 15: April 9 – April 15, 2017

SUNDAY: Read questions and answers with all scripture references

MONDAY: Read Isaiah 53

In what ways did Jesus suffer during His life on earth? Think of what it means to live as a human in a fallen world and then more specifically as a sinless human in a fallen world. Will you thank the Lord Jesus for suffering in ways we can't even begin to understand?

TUESDAY: Read John 6: 37-39; 10: 14-15

Reformed teaching speaks of "limited atonement" so...

Is His sacrifice limited in quality?

Does it have enough value to pay for the sins of every sinner in the world?

Is His sacrifice limited in scope?

Does it actually save anyone or make salvation possible for all?

WEDNESDAY: Read Romans 5: 15-19

The atoning sacrifice of Christ takes away _____ and it gives _____.

Without the grace of God won for us by Christ would anyone repent and believe?

THURSDAY: Read John 19: 13-16a and Acts 4:27-28

Have you ever wondered why the creed includes the name of Pontius Pilate? The catechism explains why the phrase is important theologically. Can you think of another reason why that phrase is important?

FRIDAY: Read Galatians 3: 10-14

Was Jesus free to die in any way He might choose? Why?

SATURDAY: Read the corresponding essay in *THE GOOD NEWS WE ALMOST FORGOT*