

# LORD'S DAY 2

## FIRST PART: OF MAN'S MISERY

### Q3. HOW DO YOU COME TO KNOW YOUR MISERY?

A. *The law of God tells me.*

1 Rom. 3:20; 7:7-25

### Q4. WHAT DOES GOD'S LAW REQUIRE OF US?

A. *Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22*

*You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.  
and with all your strength.  
This is the great and first commandment.*

*And a second is like it:  
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

*On these two commandments depend  
all the law and the prophets.*

Luke 10: 27  
Deut. 6:5  
Lev. 19:18

### Q5. CAN YOU KEEP ALL THIS PERFECTLY?

A. *No.  
I have a natural tendency  
to hate God and my neighbor.*

Rom. 3:9-20, 23; 1 John 1:8, 10  
Gen. 6:5; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 7:23-24; 8:7; Eph. 2:1-3; Titus 3:3

I suggest getting a notebook to record your answers, thoughts, and questions that come to mind as you read the catechism and scripture. **With every lesson write down some things you want to see change in your thought life, attitudes, or actions.** 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.

**LORD'S DAY 2: January 8 – 14, 2017**

**SUNDAY :** read questions and answers with all scripture references

**MONDAY:** look up “misery” in a dictionary  
Write down the definitions. Which do you think fits the context of the catechism?

**TUESDAY:** read Matthew 22: 34 – 40  
Does God’s standard have to do with our actions or our thoughts?

**WEDNESDAY:** read Luke 10: 25-37  
God’s requirement is that we act as the Samaritan every single time we see someone in need.  
Do you?

**THURSDAY:** read Romans 1: 18 -20, 3: 10-19, 23 and Isaiah 59: 9-1  
Think about the definition of misery and the requirements of God’s law.  
What are our circumstances?  
What is our condition?

**FRIDAY:** read Romans 7:7  
How is God’s law both an instrument of condemnation and mercy?

**SATURDAY:** read the corresponding essay in *THE GOOD NEWS WE ALMOST FORGOT*  
Write down any thoughts and/or questions that come to mind after reading the essay.