

LORD'S DAY 23

Q59. WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO YOU, HOWEVER, TO BELIEVE ALL THIS?

A. *In Christ I am righteous before God
and heir to life everlasting.*

Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; John 3:36; Titus 3:7; Romans 5:1; Romans 8:16

Q60. HOW ARE YOU RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD?

A. *Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.*

*Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all the commandments of God,
of never having kept any of them,
and of still being inclined toward all evil;
nevertheless,
without any merit of my own,
out of sheer grace,
God grants and imputes to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned or been a sinner,
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.*

*All I need to do
is accept this gift with a believing heart.*

Romans 3:21-25; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Philippians 3:9
Romans 3:9-10
Romans 7:23
Titus 3:5
Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:8

I John 2:2
I John 2:1; Romans 4:4-5; II Corinthians 5:19
II Corinthians 5:21
John 3:18; Romans 3:28; Romans 10:10

Q61. WHY DO YOU SAY THAT THROUGH FAITH ALONE YOU ARE RIGHTEOUS?

A. *Not because I please God
by the worthiness of my faith.*

*It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness
is my righteousness before God;
and because I can receive this righteousness and make it my own
in no other way
than by faith alone.*

I Corinthians 1:30; 2:2

I John 5:10; Isaiah 53:5; Galatians 3:22; Romans 4:16

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.

LORD’S DAY 23: June 4 – June 10, 2017

SUNDAY: Read questions and answers with all scripture references

MONDAY: In Q59, to what does the phrase “all this” refer?
How does believing “all this” change your status?

TUESDAY: Read Q/A 21 from Lord’s Day 7.

WEDNESDAY: Some call salvation the “great exchange.” Christ takes our sin and gives us what?

THURSDAY: JUSTIFIED: Just as if I had

(list the three ways in which God now views you differently because of Christ)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

FRIDAY: Is it the quality, quantity, or object of our faith that saves?
Why do we make such a big deal about faith alone?

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