

LORD'S DAY 5

Q12. ACCORDING TO GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT WE DESERVE PUNISHMENT BOTH IN THIS WORLD AND FOREVER AFTER: HOW THEN CAN WE ESCAPE THIS PUNISHMENT AND RETURN TO GOD'S FAVOR?

A. *God requires that his justice be satisfied.
Therefore, the claims of his justice
must be paid in full,
either by ourselves or by another.*

Ex. 23:7; Rom. 2:1-11
2 Isa. 53:11; Rom. 8:3-4

Q13. CAN WE PAY THIS DEBT OURSELVES?

A. *Certainly not.
Actually, we increase our guilt every day.*

Matt. 6:12; Rom. 2:4-5

Q14. CAN ANOTHER CREATURE—ANY AT ALL— PAY THIS DEBT FOR US?

A. *No.
To begin with,
God will not punish another creature
for man's guilt.
Futhermore,
no mere creature can bear the weight
of God's eternal anger against sin
and release others from it.*

Ezek. 18:4, 20; Heb. 2:14-18
2 Ps. 49:7-9; 130:3

Q15. WHAT KIND OF MEDIATOR AND DELIVERER SHOULD WE LOOK FOR THEN?

A. *One who is truly human and truly righteous,
yet more powerful than all creatures,
that is, one who is also true God*

Rom. 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:17
2 Isa. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26
3 Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Jer. 23:6; John 1:11

I suggest getting 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 5: January 29 – February 4, 2017

SUNDAY: read questions and answers with all scripture references

MONDAY: read Exodus 34: 5-8 and Isaiah 53: 4-6
Why is Q12 **the** most important question in the world?
In what way is A12 both terrifying and comforting?

TUESDAY: read Isaiah 64: 6-7 and Romans 3: 19-20
God created humans able to sin but also able to not sin.
Why can't we just pay what we owe and then stop racking up more debt?
How do or could we show that we view the debt owed to God
as a debt owed to society in general?
as a debt owed to another person?

WEDNESDAY: read Isaiah 6: 1-5 and Psalm 130:3
Why can't another mere human pay our debt?

THURSDAY: read Matthew 1: 20-23
What does a mediator do?
What does a deliverer do?

FRIDAY: read Hebrews 2:17
Read Romans 1: 1-4, list the things about Jesus that show he is human.
Read Romans 1: 1-4, list things about Jesus that show he is God.

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.