

## Joy and Delight

## Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 33

1. TRUE CONVERSION: Because we are united to Christ by faith, and because Christ is renewing us to be like himself, it is necessary that Christians being changed when they put their \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. The Catechism calls that \_\_\_\_\_ “genuine repentance or conversion.”
  - a. Conversion is a definite, \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 3:1-3).
  - b. Conversion awaits a \_\_\_\_\_ fulfillment (Colossians 3:4).
  - c. Conversion is an ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 3:5-16).
  - d. Conversion involves doing good works as \_\_\_\_\_ by God’s law (revealed in nature and proclaimed by his Word), not that which is based on human \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 15:7-9).
  - e. Conversion affects \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 3:17).
  
2. JOY AND DELIGHT: Because we are being changed by the Holy Spirit, this life ought to involve “wholehearted \_\_\_\_\_” and “\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_” to be living according to God’s will.

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

Psalm 119:33-48
  
3. WHY THIS MATTERS: It is important that we \_\_\_\_\_ this joy, love, and delight because:
  - a. It helps us in our struggle to \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.
  - b. It is essential for communicating the \_\_\_\_\_ of this life to the next generation (Proverbs 3:1-12).
  - c. It is at the heart of the church’s \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the nations (Matthew 4:14-16).
  - d. All of this is rooted in the gospel, as the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Christ strengthens our confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the life to which he calls us.