

A Broken Image**Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 3**

1. THE NATURE OF SIN: We learn about the nature of our _____ from David's prayer of confession in Psalm 51.
 - a. We are _____ (1-3).
 - b. Our sin is always ultimately against _____ as our _____ (4).
 - c. Our sin is not just a matter of what we do but of _____ (5).

2. CREATION AND FALL: The Catechism wisely takes us back to the story of the _____ of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 to help us understand our _____.
 - a. God created us _____ and in his own _____ (Q&A 6).

...and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:24). ...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (Colossians 3:10)
 - b. In Adam we rebelled against God, resulting in our very _____ being corrupted and _____ (Q&A 7).

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned... ¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:12, 18-19)
 - c. Apart from Christ and the work of the Spirit, everything we do – including that which is outwardly good in meaningful ways – is tainted or _____ by _____, and unable to earn or deserve anything from God. (Q&A 8).

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)

3. THE GLORIOUS "UNLESS": The Catechism continues to direct us to the _____ of Jesus Christ. Remember that all of this began with a question about " _____ " ("strengthening aid").
 - a. This doctrine of sin _____ us from destructive _____ and self-righteousness.
 - b. In two of the main places where Scripture speaks of our fallen nature in Adam (Romans 5, 1 Corinthians 15), the focus is upon the _____ we receive in _____.
 - c. The "unless" of Q&A 8 is speaking of all who have put their _____ in _____.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)

We are thereby reoriented toward what has always been our comfort and assurance: Christ alone, the Christ who _____.