

Our Only Comfort**Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Part 2**

1. REVIEW: Introduction to the Heidelberg Catechism
 - a. The central theme of the Heidelberg Catechism is _____.
 - b. The Catechism is divided into three parts: _____, _____, _____.

2. REFORMED CATHOLICITY: Being Reformed means we are part of the “one holy catholic and apostolic church” confessed in the Nicene Creed (AD 325).
 - a. Union with Christ: The confession that “I belong to Jesus Christ” introduces an emphasis on being “_____” that is found throughout the catechism.

| In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace... (Ephesians 1:7)
 - b. Trinity: Q&A 1 teaches us to express Christian faith in terms of _____, _____, and _____.
 - c. Christus Victor: We confess with the early church that, by his death and resurrection, Christ not only paid the penalty for our _____ but also triumphed over the ancient _____.

| ...that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil... (Hebrews 2:14b)
 - d. Providence: The doctrine of _____ is expressed in terms of the basics of Christian _____ and _____, not theological debates about just how it all works.
 - e. Assurance: Faith includes assurance: _____ . _____ . _____ . Period.
 - f. New Life: The Son is the one through whom the world was made, and so the gospel includes the _____ of new life by the _____.

| For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)

3. A MIGHTY FORTRESS: Throughout our study of the catechism, we must re-member the helpful English dictionary definition of “comfort.” As a verb it means “to give _____ and _____ to”, and as a noun it means “strengthening _____.”
 - a. Settled Rootedness: The goodness of being Reformed does not depend upon every other Christian tradition being _____ in every way. Rather, it is a _____ place – often happily alongside other traditions – to be _____ in the Christian faith.
 - b. Humble Generosity: Because of that rootedness in Christ, we can gladly _____ from others, and view the distinct strengths and insights of the Reformed tradition not as _____ to keep others out, but as _____ we have to offer others.
 - c. Confident Boldness: That rootedness and generosity is the place from which we can confidently _____ the faith and boldly _____ in the life of faith.

| ...I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. (Jude 3)
 - d. Our days are _____, and therefore we study the riches of the Christian faith so that we might “_____ to the confession of our hope without wavering” (Hebrews 10:23).

| Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. (Hebrews 10:35-36)