

Catechetical Sermon, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 6, "Two Natures"**

Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 2:5-18

<b>Lesson Aim</b>	To understand that the Scriptures teach that our perfect Mediator, Jesus Christ, is true man and true God.
<b>Steps to Learning</b>	Read the <a href="#">Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 6</a> and <a href="#">Hebrews 2:5-18</a> . Discuss the sermon and the particulars of the lesson below. It may be best to work through the material over several days or sessions.
<b>Discuss</b>	<p><b>The Heidelberg Catechism, question and answer 19, outlines the progression of the revelation of promise of the Gospel in four points. What are these points?</b> We know about the Gospel of Jesus Christ first from what God revealed in the Garden of Eden, second, through the holy Patriarchs and Prophets, third, by the sacrifices and ceremonies of the Law and finally fulfilled by Jesus Christ, the Son of God.</p> <p><b>Jesus Christ is our Mediator and perfect High Priest who was crucified and raised from the dead for our salvation. Why couldn't we have saved ourselves?</b> People are responsible for their own sins but if we were to try to atone for our sins then we'd be swallowed up by eternal hell. This is so because God requires that people obey him perfectly, which can never be done on earth or in hell. Therefore, not only can we not atone for our own sin but can't atone for the sins of any other person.</p> <p><b>What is it exactly that makes Jesus Christ the only One who can save us from God's eternal punishment in hell?</b> The fact that he is true man and true God, that is, fully man and fully God. Jesus had to be true man in order for him to obey God and to take on the wrath of God on the cross as he died. God cannot die but man can. But the wrath of God, which is eternal, would destroy an ordinary man but since Jesus was and is eternal God, his divinity allowed his human nature to bear the wrath of God so that he would save us.</p> <p><b>Read the Definition of Chalcedon and reflect on what it is for Jesus to be "truly God and truly man." How is this biblical truth life changing?</b></p>
<b>Bible Reading</b>	<a href="#">Acts 13-15</a> [The story of the early church] (covering the great Bible stories)