

High Desert URC – Heidelberg Catechism Supplement
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* Read each Heidelberg question and answer before discussing them according to the prompts below.

I. Question and Answer 1

To whom do you belong both in life and in death?
My faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

What did Jesus Christ do for you to save you?
He fully satisfied for all my sins with his precious blood and he redeemed me from all the power of the devil.

What does it mean that Jesus fully satisfied for all my sins?
It means that he took away the offense to God that our sins had; God is now reconciled to us as friends when before faith we were enemies of God (read Romans 5:6-11)

What else does Jesus do for you in this life?
“He preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation.” This means that I can’t lose my salvation, nothing and no one can separate me from Christ (Read Romans 8:35-39).

What other comfort does Jesus afford you by his Spirit (the Holy Spirit)?
“By his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me willing and ready from now on to live unto him.”

II. Question and Answer 2

What are the three things you need to know to experience comfort and live and die happily?
First, the greatness of my sin and misery. Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery. Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.

What is the outline of the Heidelberg Catechism?
It follows the answer found above: First, it speaks of the guilt we had before Christ (QA3-11), second the grace we found in Christ (QA12-85) and third, the gratitude we must express to God for Christ (QA86-129). SUM: Guilt, Grace, Gratitude.