

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

THE THIRD PART--OF THANKFULNESS

XXXII. LORD'S DAY.

Question 86. Since then we are delivered from our misery, merely of grace, through Christ, without any merit of ours, why must we still do good works?

Answer. Because Christ, having redeemed and delivered us by his blood, also renews us by his Holy Spirit, after his own image; that so we may testify, by the whole of our conduct, our gratitude [a] to God for his blessings, and that he may be [b] praised by us; also, that every one may be [c] assured in himself of his faith, by the fruits thereof; and that, by our godly conversation, others may be [d] gained to Christ.

Question 87. Cannot they then be saved, who, continuing in their wicked and ungrateful lives, are not converted to God?

Answer. By no means; for the holy scripture declares [e] that no unchaste person, idolater, adulterer, thief, covetous man, drunkard, slanderer, robber, or any such like, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

[a]: 1Cor. 6:19,20; Rom. 6:13; Rom. 12:1,2; 1Pet. 2:5,9,10 [b]: Mat. 5:16; 1Pet. 2:12 [c]: 2Pet. 1:10; Gal. 5:6,24 [d]: 1Pet. 3:1,2; Mat. 5:16; Rom. 14:19 [e]: 1Cor. 6:9,10; Eph. 5:5,6; 1John 3:14,15; Gal. 5:21

SERMON TEXT (NASB)

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; ² this man came to Him by night, and said to Him, " Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ " That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ " The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things? ¹¹ "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak that which we know, and bear witness of that which we have seen; and you do not receive our witness. ¹² "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ "And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, *even* the Son of Man. ¹⁴ "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; ¹⁵ that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life.

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August 7, 2022

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* Please stand. Congregation is dismissed after the postlude.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (<i>II Timothy 3</i>).....	10:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY EVENING (<i>Postponed</i>).....	6:30 PM

POTLUCK: Potluck after the service on the first Sunday of each month.

COMMUNION: Observed the second Sunday of each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Prayer requests:
 - 1) Continue to remember Craig Hasselbach and Evan Burns in your prayers for the work God has given them.
 - 2) Sunday School & teachers.
 - 3) All who are traveling.
 - 4) Those who have gotten sick during this time of the year.
- ◆ Pray for Archie's granddaughter, Sarah, who is at home recovering.
- ◆ Pray also for Archie's son, Archie, who is looking at the probability of leg amputation.
- ◆ Keep Lowell and Norma in your prayers during this difficult time in their lives.

RESPONSIVE READING

The congregation reads the **bold print**. (NASB)

Psalm 104:1-17

¹ *Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with splendor and majesty,*

² **Covering Thyself with light as with a cloak, Stretching out heaven like a tent curtain.**

³ *He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He walks upon the wings of the wind;*

⁴ **He makes the winds His messengers, Flaming fire His ministers.**

⁵ *He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever and ever.*

⁶ **Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment; The waters were standing above the mountains.**

⁷ *At Thy rebuke they fled; At the sound of Thy thunder they hurried away.*

⁸ **The mountains rose; the valleys sank down To the place which Thou didst establish for them.**

⁹ *Thou didst set a boundary that they may not pass over; That they may not return to cover the earth.*

¹⁰ **He sends forth springs in the valleys; They flow between the mountains;**

¹¹ *They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst.*

¹² **Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; They lift up their voices among the branches.**

¹³ *He waters the mountains from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works.*

¹⁴ **He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the labor of man, So that he may bring forth food from the earth,**

¹⁵ *And wine which makes man's heart glad, So that he may make his face glisten with oil, And food which sustains man's heart.*

¹⁶ **The trees of the LORD drink their fill, The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,**

¹⁷ *Where the birds build their nests, And the stork, whose home is the fir trees.*