

Community CRC

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The Heidelberg Catechism Part 2: Deliverance Lord's Day 16

Question & Answer 40

Q. Why did Christ have to suffer death?

A. Because God's justice and truth require it: nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the Son of God. (Gen. 18:25; Romans 3:25-26; John 3:36)

Question & Answer 41

Q. Why was he "buried"?

A. His burial testifies that he really died. (Isaiah 53:9)

Question & Answer 42

Q. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

A. Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life. (John 5:24; 1 Thess. 5:9-10; 1 Cor. 15:3)

Question & Answer 43

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Question & Answer 44

Q. Why does the creed add, "He descended to hell"?

A. To assure me during attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment. (Matt. 27:45-46; Luke 23:40-43)

