

Community CRC
Sunday, March 1, 2015
The Heidelberg Catechism Part 2:
Deliverance/Lord's Day 23

Question & Answer 59

Q. What good does it do you, however, to believe all this?

A. In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting. (Romans 5:1-2; John 3:36)

Question & Answer 60

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. (Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:9-12, 7:21-25; Titus 3:5-7; 2 Corinthians.5:17-19)

Question & Answer 61

Q. Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

A. Because the righteousness which can pass God's judgment must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to the divine law. But even our best works in this life are imperfect and stained with sin. (1 Corinthians 1:30:31; Romans 10:9-10; 1 John 5:10-13)

