

**Community CRC**  
Sunday, May 3, 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. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart. (Romans 3:9-12, 19-21, 7:21-25; Acts 16:29-31; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

**Question and Answer 61**

**Q. Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?**

**A.** Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith. It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than through faith. (1 Corinthians 1:30-31; Romans 10:9-10, 13; 1 John 5:11-13)

