

# Heidelberg Catechism

Part 2: Deliverance

Lord's Day 23

Question and Answer 59-61



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Question 59:

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



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Answer 59:

In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.



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<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2



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<sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

John 3:36



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Question 60:

How are you righteous before God?



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Answer 60:

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,



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<sup>9</sup>What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. <sup>10</sup>As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup>there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. <sup>12</sup>All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Romans 3:9-12



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June 2006 announced he  
Would donate 85% of his \$44  
Billion fortune to five  
Charitable foundations.



“There is more than one way to get to heaven,  
but this is a great way.”

Warren Buffet



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Work Makes Free





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<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

**Romans 3:19-21**



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Answer 60:

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.



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<sup>18</sup>Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:18-19



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The LORD Our Righteousness.

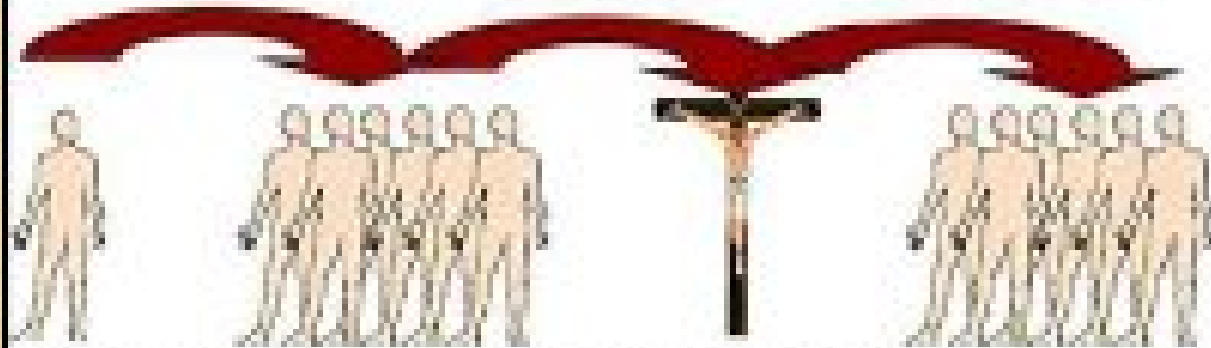
Jeremiah 23:6

## Three Imputations

Adam's sin  
to man

The Elect's sin  
to Christ

Christ's righteousness  
to His Elect



*For a proper understanding of Salvation, you need a proper understanding of the "Doctrine of Imputation"*

*Michael Jackson*



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<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17



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2009 Kentucky Derby Winner  
“Mine That Bird”





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<sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Acts 16:29-31



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Question 61:

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



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Answer 61:

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.



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<sup>30</sup>It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1:30-31



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<sup>9</sup>That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved....<sup>13</sup>for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:9-10, 13