

Community CRC
Sunday, July 5, 2015
The Heidelberg Catechism Part 2:
Deliverance/Lord's Day 25

Question & Answer 65

Q. It is through faith alone that we share in Christ and all his benefits: where then does that faith come from?

A. The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments. (John 3:3-5; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; Romans 10:13-14, 17; 1 Peter 1:23-25)

Question & Answer 66

Q. What are sacraments?

A. Sacraments are visible, holy signs and seals. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them he might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel, and seal that promise. And this is God's gospel promise: to grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice accomplished on the cross. (Acts 2:38-39; Matthew 26:26-28; Ephesians 2:8-10)

Question and Answer 67

Q. Are both the word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

A. Yes! In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us and by the holy sacraments confirms that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross. (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-28)

Question and Answer 68

Q. How many sacraments did Christ institute in the New Testament?

A. Two: holy baptism and the holy supper. (Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

