

Lord's Day 1

Name: _____

A. Introduction to the Catechism. (You may want to discuss this part with your parents.)

1. When was the Heidelberg Catechism written? _____ Who were the authors of the Catechism? _____ and _____
Under what circumstances was the Catechism written? _____

2. When did the Catechism become one of the official creeds of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands? _____ What churches beside our own have the Heidelberg Catechism as one of their creeds? _____
3. What does Article 68 of the *Church Order* say about the Catechism? _____

B. The emphasis of the Catechism.

1. In addition to the Catechism, our churches have the _____ and the _____ as our creeds or confessions.
2. Read the first article of each of the other creeds. Their subjects are _____ and _____.
3. Rather than taking the doctrinal approach, the Catechism takes the practical, personal approach, stressing the idea of comfort.
 - a. Comfort is needed:
___ only by the aged.
___ only by the sick.
___ by all people at some time.
___ by everyone at all times.
 - b. In what wrong things might a young person *try* to find his comfort? _____

 - c. True comfort allows a person to live happily as well as _____.
4. Give at least two reasons why the blood of Christ is called precious. _____

5. Job is an example of a man who stood in need of great comfort and who received it abundantly.
 - a. Read Job 1:13-22 and tell why Job stood in need of comfort. _____

 - b. Read Job 19:25-27 and tell why he was able to be comforted in the midst of all his woes. _____

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C. The division of the Catechism.

1. What three things must we know if we are to have true comfort? _____,

2. We can find this threefold division expressed in a single passage: Romans 7:24, 25.

Quote the proper phrases to show this.

- a. Misery — “ _____.”
- b. Deliverance — “ _____.”
- c. Gratitude — “ _____.”