

Before you answer the questions of this lesson, read the 37th Article of the Belgic Confession.

A. The resurrection of the body (Question and Answer 57).

1. According to Lord's Day I, our only comfort in life and death is that we belong to our Savior Jesus Christ with _____.
2. Immediately at death our souls are taken up to Christ in heaven.
 - a. There are many theories as to the state of the soul after death.
 - 1) The Roman Catholic Church teaches that there is a purgatory.
 - 2) Some speak of reincarnation (that a person comes back in some other earthly form).
 - 3) Some speak of soul sleep, that the soul knows nothing until the final resurrection.
 - b. However, the Bible teaches clearly that the soul is conscious and active immediately after death.
 - 1) Read Luke 23:43. What is the key word here? _____
 - 2) Read Philippians 1:21. How does this prove our point? _____

 - 3) Read Revelation 20:4. What words here show that souls in heaven are active?
_____, _____, _____,
and _____
3. What three things does the power of Christ accomplish in respect to our bodies?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
4. How is this truth of comfort to the believer who knows he must die? _____

B. The life everlasting (Question and Answer 58).

1. Do we have everlasting life only in heaven? (See John 10:28.) _____ Explain.

2. Although this present life is a continual death, the Bible teaches that the elect believer experiences eternal life in three stages. These three stages are:
 - a. John 3:3 — _____
 - b. Philippians 1:21 — _____
 - c. Revelation 21:1, 2 — _____
3. Why is it that, although we have the beginning of eternal joy now, we cannot adequately describe heavenly glory? _____

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- 4. What persons in the Bible had visions of heavenly glory? What did they see?
 - a. Acts 7:55 — _____ saw _____
_____.
 - b. Matthew 3:13-17 — _____ saw _____
_____.
 - c. Genesis 28:10-15 — _____ saw _____
_____.
 - d. Revelation 4 — _____ saw _____
_____.
- 5. What shall the church do in heavenly perfection? _____
_____.