

Lord's Day 3

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This Lord's Day includes instruction on the creation of man, his fall into sin, and the depravity that followed for the human race. This is a very good method to follow. If man is prone to hate God and the neighbor, it makes good sense to trace man back to his origins to discover the reason for his sinful condition. Before answering the following questions, read Article 14 of the Belgic Confession and Articles 1, 2, and 3 of the Third and Fourth Heads of the Canons of Dordt.

A. Answer each question with a word or two.

1. Man was created in the image of God and after His likeness. From Colossians 3:10 and Ephesians 4:24 we learn that the image of God in man consisted of _____, _____, and _____.
2. That man is a special creature is indicated by the unique way in which God created him. Read Genesis 1:26 and 2:7. Give two details that show that man's creation was different from that of all the other creatures.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. According to Lord's Day III, man was originally created that he might _____ God his Creator, _____ Him, and _____ in eternal happiness to glorify and praise Him.
4. The relation that Adam and Eve have toward us and all the human race is that of _____.
5. Did the fall of Adam and Eve into sin affect us? _____ How? (In answering this question, refer again to Canons, III/IV, Art. 2.) _____.
6. Romans 5:12 is a very important text in respect to the doctrine of original sin. Look at this text carefully and answer the following questions:
 - a. By what one man did sin enter the world? _____
 - b. What is the relationship between sin and death? _____
 - c. In the phrase, "... and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned ...," when did "all" sin, at the time of Adam or during men's own lifetime? _____
7. Depravity means wickedness and corruption. *Total* depravity emphasizes that depravity or wickedness extends to every part of man's nature and to every member of the human race.
 - a. List the parts of the human nature that have come under the power of sin. (Hint — see 4th answer of Lord's Day 2.)
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
 - 4) _____
 - b. Quote a verse from Romans 3 that proves that every man is depraved. "_____."
 - c. What does Psalm 51:5 teach about our depravity? _____

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8. Because of total depravity, we are so corrupt that we are wholly incapable of doing any good and are inclined to all wickedness. State the 3rd point of common grace.

Is the theory of common grace contrary to the Heidelberg Catechism and the Canons of Dordt? _____

9. God's grace in Christ is the only way that depraved man can be delivered from his proneness to hate God and the neighbor.
- a. What is grace? _____
- b. What act of God's grace, specifically, is necessary if a man is to perform any good? _____

B. True or False (T or F)

- ___ 1. Man can never blame God for what he is or does.
- ___ 2. The days of the creation week could not have been long periods of time.
- ___ 3. It makes little difference whether Genesis 1-3 are literally true or not.
- ___ 4. God created man wicked and perverse.
- ___ 5. Adam was capable of loving God perfectly according to his creation.
- ___ 6. A baby is worthy of death the moment he is born.
- ___ 7. There is a little bad in the best of us and a little good in the worst of us.
- ___ 8. Man by himself is absolutely incapable of performing any good before God.
- ___ 9. Every person is sinful because he imitates those around him.
- ___ 10. We have nothing to do with the deeds of Adam and Eve.

C. Match the term with its definition or description by placing a number in each blank.

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| 1. Creation | ___ a. An act of willful disobedience against the law of God. |
| 2. Image of God | ___ b. Man is born dead in trespasses and sin. |
| 3. The Fall | ___ c. An area created as a picture of heaven. |
| 4. Total Depravity | ___ d. A well-watered area near the Euphrates River. |
| 5. Common Grace | ___ e. Each one of us sinned when Adam sinned. |
| 6. Original Sin | ___ f. A birth by which the power of death is broken. |
| 7. Grace | ___ g. God spoke and it was done, He commanded and it stood fast. |
| 8. Regeneration | ___ h. The view that God's grace is upon all men. |
| 9. Eden | ___ i. The creaturely reflection of God's perfections in man. |
| 10. Paradise | ___ j. The shining forth of God's beauty when He bestows undeserved favor upon His people. |