

Question 12 gets right to the point of deliverance: "... is there no way by which we may escape that punishment, and be again received into favor?" But these important matters are not to be rushed. Very carefully the Catechism exhausts every human possibility to show the hopelessness of man in himself. In the last Question and Answer we are given the requirements of the Mediator, but He is not yet identified for us.

A. Throughout the Word of God it is emphasized that man can do nothing to satisfy God's justice, or to provide a way out of his misery. Salvation is entirely of the Lord. Here are a few examples of this truth:

1. Read Genesis 3:7, 21.
 - a. Adam and Eve tried to hide their nakedness by covering themselves with _____.
_____. However, this could not cover their sin and shame.
 - b. Therefore God provided them with _____.
 - c. In what way did this point them to Christ? _____

 - d. Since we read of sacrifice in Genesis 4:3, 4, may we conclude that God had instructed Adam and Eve concerning sacrifice when He gave them coats of skins? _____
2. Read Genesis 16:1-4 and Hebrews 11:11, 12.
 - a. God had promised to send Abraham seed in whom all the world would be blessed, and that seed was Christ. Yet, Abraham and Sarah had no children and they were past the years of childbearing. What did Abraham and Sarah decide to do?

 - Was this pleasing to God? _____
 - b. When it was unmistakable that Abraham and Sarah could not have children, God sent Isaac. By what power was Isaac conceived? _____ (Heb. 11:11, 12)
 - c. Hence it is clear that _____ can never bring forth Christ.
3. Read Luke 1:30-35.
 - a. God had promised David that his son would sit on the throne forever. But at this time there was no proper descendant of David for _____ to have as a husband. The line of David came down to a lone virgin.
 - b. When all is hopeless and dark, God reveals His salvation by causing the _____
_____ to come upon Mary so that that which is born of her is called _____.
4. Luke 18:27 sums this up very well. Quote this text. "_____

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Lord's Day 5 (cont.)

B. Fill in the blanks.

1. This Lord's Day stresses that God's justice must be satisfied and His mercy can never be in conflict with His justice.
 - a. What is the idea of satisfaction? _____

 - b. Why cannot we make this satisfaction? _____

 - c. What are the two reasons why another creature cannot satisfy for us? _____

2. Read Hebrews 9:11, 12.
 - a. Did the blood of animals satisfy for sin during the Old Testament times? _____
 - b. What was the significance of animal blood? _____

3. What are the requirements of a mediator and deliverer?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
4. In the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:12) our sins are called debts.
 - a. What is the idea of a debt? _____

 - b. If we stopped sinning at this moment, would God be satisfied with us? _____
Explain. _____
5. At the end of this Lord's Day it looks almost impossible that we should ever be delivered. But God is faithful! What name of Christ describes best the idea of Answer 15?
_____ (See Isaiah 7:14.)