

**Lord's Day 32**

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With this Lord's Day we begin the third major section of the Catechism, **Of Thankfulness**. This section includes a detailed explanation of the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. In other words, we are to look at the keeping of the Law, prayer, and all good works, as means of expressing our gratitude to God for that great deliverance He has given us in Christ!

**A. The place of good works in salvation.**

1. Question 86 explains that good works do not gain salvation for us. What three short phrases make clear how we are delivered?

a. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Read Ephesians 2:8-10 carefully.

1) God's chosen people are saved by \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Faith is not of us, but God's \_\_\_\_\_.

3) If salvation were of works, man would certainly \_\_\_\_\_.

4) Verse 10 states that we are created in Christ Jesus *unto* good works.

This means that good works are the (basis, purpose) of our salvation. (Circle one.)

5) The last part of verse 10 tells us that the good works we perform were actually \_\_\_\_\_ by God in eternity.

2. Yet, good works are an important part of salvation. Christ has redeemed and delivered us by His blood. But He also \_\_\_\_\_ us by His Holy Spirit.

a. By the Spirit, we are renewed after Christ's \_\_\_\_\_. What phrases in the following verses teach the same truth?

1) Romans 8:29: \_\_\_\_\_

2) I John 3:2: \_\_\_\_\_

b. In the remainder of Answer 86, find three reasons why we must do good works:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Salvation impossible without conversion to God.

1. According to Question 87, the opposite of a life of good works is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. If unchaste persons, idolaters, etc., are to be saved, what must be true of them?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The Catechism speaks of inheriting the kingdom, a very beautiful truth.
  - a. In natural life, someone must die before a person inherits some property. Hebrews 9:15, 16 teaches us that believers inherit the kingdom of God through the death of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Does a person inherit something due to something he has done, or is it a gift?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Why is the kingdom of God spoken of as something inherited? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Follow directions carefully:

1. Behind each sin, place the number of the commandment which forbids it.  
Unchaste person \_\_\_\_, idolater \_\_\_\_, adulterer \_\_\_\_, thief \_\_\_\_,  
covetous man \_\_\_\_, drunkard \_\_\_\_, slanderer \_\_\_\_, robber \_\_\_\_.
2. True or False:
  - \_\_\_ a. God saves us because of our good works.
  - \_\_\_ b. God saves us so that we perform good works.
  - \_\_\_ c. Good works are the fruit of salvation.
  - \_\_\_ d. Good works are God's gift to us.
  - \_\_\_ e. Good works are our gift to God.
  - \_\_\_ f. Good works don't have anything to do with salvation.