



**UPPER
HUNTER**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DEVOTIONAL AID FOR 11 MAY 2020 – 17 MAY 2020

Dear church family,

As I mentioned last week, the Heidelberg Catechism is structured to teach us about our **guilt**, the **grace** of God, and our response in **gratitude**. For this week and the next couple of weeks, the catechism teaches us about our guilt before God (Q3–11). If you feel downtrodden by what we go through in these **guilt** weeks, hang in there! The Good News, **grace** is coming!

Here I include the questions and answers from Lord's Day 2 and a couple of bible passages for you to meditate on during the week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (0425 270 854 / tim.wonil.lee@gmail.com) if you'd like to pray with me or for any other needs. Also, look out for further resources down below which include something for children (and adults with a child-like faith!).

Yours in Christ,

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THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM¹

Lord's Day 1

Q3) How do you come to know your misery?

A) The law of God tells me.

Q4) What does God's law require of us?

A) Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37–40:

“You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart

and with all your soul

and with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Q5) Can you live up to all this perfectly?

A) No.

I am inclined by nature

to hate God and my neighbour.

ROMANS 3:23

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

The Apostle Paul says here that everyone has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Is this how you see people around you? Your work colleagues, your neighbours, your parents, your children, and yourself?

JEREMIAH 17:9

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

The Prophet Jeremiah laments how the human heart is not how it ought to be, even eluding our own attempts at understanding it. If you've been frustrated at how you want things that you know are not good for you, you might be able to see Jeremiah's point without too much trouble. Do you find your own heart desperately sick?

¹ The text of the Catechism is from <https://threeforms.org/heidelberg-catechism/>.