

# High Desert URC · Heidelberg Catechism Schedule

## September 2013

Week	If you're memorizing...	If you're just reading...
Aug 25 – Aug 31	Memorize QA 1	Read Lord's Day 1 (QA 1 & 2)
Sep 1 – Sep 7	Memorize QA 2 & 3, review 1	Read Lord's Day 2 (QA 3 & 4)
Sep 8 – Sep 14	Memorize QA 4 & 5, review 1–3	Read Lord's Day 3 (QA 6–8)
Sep 15 – Sep 21	Memorize QA 6, review 1–5	Read Lord's Day 4 (QA 9–11)
Sep 22 – Sep 28	Review 1–6	Read Lord's Day 5 (QA 12–15)

Parents: if you think your child is too young to memorize the catechism, you can read it aloud to them following the reading schedule above. Everyone else of all ages should try to memorize the catechism following the memorization schedule above.

### Follow-Up Questions

For QA 1

**What does the catechism say about the roles of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?**

The Father providentially (providence means God is in control of all things) governs everything that happens in my life. The Son redeems me from all of my sins. The Holy Spirit assures me of salvation.

For QA 2

**Why is it important to know that you're a sinner, redeemed from your sin, and that you are to be thankful?**

It is important because when I sin I can be assured that my sin is forgiven and then live for God out of gratitude.

For QA 3

**How does the Law of God tell you that you are a sinner?**

When I read or hear the Law of God preached, I know that I am a sinner because I don't live up to what the Law requires and I break the Law. Not living up to the Law and breaking it is the definition of sin.

For QA 4

**Jesus summarizes the Law of God in Matthew 22:37–40. Where in the Old Testament does God give a fuller summary of the Law that Jesus summarizes in the New Testament?**

In Exodus 20:1–17; this records the “Ten Commandments,” or, literally, the “Ten Words.”

For QA 5

**What does it mean that you are “prone by nature to hate God and your neighbor”?**

It doesn't mean necessarily that I feel hatred toward God and neighbor (although that happens). But it means that I don't want naturally to love God and neighbor, which means further that I don't naturally obey God and think of my neighbor before myself.

For QA 6

**This question and answer teaches us in what the “image of God” consisted in Adam and Eve before they fell into sin. The image of God consists in the ability to cultivate the creation and also to live in a morally correct way (see Genesis chapters 1 and 2). What does the answer say the moral image of God was like before the fall?**

It consisted in goodness, righteousness, and true holiness.