

High Desert URC · Heidelberg Catechism Schedule December 2013

Week	If you're memorizing...	If you're just reading...
Nov 24–Nov 30	Memorize QA 14, review QA 10	Read Lord's Day 14 (QA 35 & 36)
Dec 1–7	Memorize QA 15, review QA 11	Read Lord's Day 15 (QA 37 – 39)
Dec 8–14	Memorize QA 16, review QA 12	Read Lord's Day 16 (QA 40 – 45)
Dec 15–21	Memorize QA 17, review QA 13	Read Lord's Day 17 (QA 45)
Dec 22–28	Review QA 1–17	Read Lord's Day 18 (QA 46 – 49)

Follow-Up Questions

For QA 14

Why does the catechism mention “creatures?”

Because some have thought that the sacrifice of an animal would take away sins but it doesn't. In fact, according to Hebrews chapter 10, animal sacrifices in Israel were a reminder of sins every year. “For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

For QA 15

What does the word “redeemer” mean?

To reclaim as one's own, to buy back. You were once under the slavery of the devil but God bought you back through the blood of Jesus.

For QA 16

Why can't one who is himself a sinner satisfy for others?

Because being only a human person, his death would satisfy only for his own sins.

For QA 17

This question and answer completes the thought of question and answer 16. Because Jesus is more than man (He is God also) He could die for others and take on their sins.

Memorizing vs. reading: 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.

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