

**LORD'S DAY 7**  
**[CLASS DISCUSSION ON SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2017]**  
**Suggested Devotional Readings Prior to Class**  
Hebrews 11, Acts 16:11-15, Ephesians 2:1-10

**QUESTION 20**

Are all men, then, saved by Christ just as they perished through Adam?

ANSWER. No. Only those are saved who by a true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all His benefits.<sup>1</sup>

**QUESTION 21**

What is true faith?

ANSWER. True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word.<sup>1</sup> At the same time it is a firm confidence<sup>2</sup> that not only to others, but also to me,<sup>3</sup> God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation,<sup>4</sup> out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.<sup>5</sup> This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.<sup>6</sup>

**QUESTION 22**

What, then, must a Christian believe?

ANSWER. All that is promised us in the Gospel,<sup>1</sup> which the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith teach us in a summary.

**QUESTION 23**

What are these articles?

ANSWER. 1. I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
2. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;  
3. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;  
4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;  
5. On the third day He arose from the dead;  
6. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
7. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
8. I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
9. I believe a holy catholic Christian church, the communion of saints;  
10. The forgiveness of sins;  
11. The resurrection of the body;  
12. And the life everlasting.

## Proof Texts for Lord's Day 7

### LORDS DAY 07 [Q&A 20.1]

**Matthew 7:14** For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few;

**John 1:12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,;

**John 3:16, 18, 36** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life...Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God....Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.;

**Romans 11:16-21** If the dough offered as first fruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

### LORDS DAY 07 [Q&A 21.1]

**John 17:3, 17** And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.;

**Hebrews 11:1-3** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.;

**James 2:19** And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

### LORDS DAY 07 [Q&A 21.2]

**Romans 4:18-21** In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.;

**Romans 5:1** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.;

**Romans 10:10** For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ;

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**LORDS DAY 07 [Q&A 21.3]**

**Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me..

**LORDS DAY 07 [Q&A 21.4]**

**Romans 1:17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith.";

**Hebrews 10:10** And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**LORDS DAY 07 [Q&A 21.5]**

**Galatians 2:16** ... yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.;

**Ephesians 2:8-10** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them..

**LORDS DAY 07 [Q&A 21.6]**

Acts 16:14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.;

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.;

**Romans 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.;

**I Corinthians 1:21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

**LORDS DAY 07 [Q&A 22.1]**

**Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...;

**John 20:30, 31** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name..