

PART 1: INTRODUCTION

LORD'S DAY 1

[CLASS DISCUSSION ON SUNDAY JANUARY 29,2017]

Suggested Devotional Readings Prior to Class

Genesis 1:1-11. Hebrews 2:14-18, Titus 2:11-14

QUESTION 1.

What is your only comfort in life and death?

ANSWER. That I am not my own,¹ but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death,² to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.³ He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,⁴ and has set me free from all the power of the devil.⁵ He also preserves me in such a way⁶ that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;⁷ indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.⁸ Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life⁹ and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.¹⁰

QUESTION 2.

What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

ANSWER. First, how great my sins and misery are;¹ second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery;² third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.³

Proof Texts for Lord's Day 1

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 01.1]

I Corinthians 6:19, 20. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 01.2]

Romans 14:7-9. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 01.3]

I Corinthians 3:23; ...you are Christ's, and Christ is God' .

Titus 2:14. ...Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 01.4]

I Peter 1:18, 19 ...knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,...

I John 1:7; 2:2. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin....He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 01.5]

John 8:34-36 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.;

Hebrews 2:14, 15 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.;

I John 3:8. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 01.6]

John 6:39, 40 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”;

John 10:27-30 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”;

II Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.;

I Peter 1:5 ...you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 1.7]

Matthew 10:29-31 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.;

Luke 21:16-18 You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish.

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 01.8]

Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose..

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 01.9]

Romans 8:15, 16 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...;

II Corinthians 1:21, 22 And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.;

II Corinthians 5:5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.;

Ephesians 1:13, 14 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 01.10]

Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 02.01]

Romans 3:9, 10 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one...”;

I John 1:10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 02.02]

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.;

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.;

Acts 10:43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Lords Day 01 [Q&A 02.03]

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.;

Romans 6:13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.;

Ephesians 5:8-10 ...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.;

I Peter 2:9, 10 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.