

# Mighty comfort - the Christian faith according to the Heidelberg Catechism

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## Biblical Joy in the Heidelberg Catechism

In all my years of ministry, the only Christians I've known who have been genuinely effective apologists for the Reformed faith are men and women who have been thoroughly shaped by the Heidelberg Catechism or a similar Reformed creed. True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; 1 it is also a wholehearted trust, 2 which the Holy Spirit creates in me 3 by the gospel, 4 that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, 5 forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.

## A mighty comfort (1990 edition)

In this present edition the more than 700 textual references have been printed in full for good reason.

## Heidelberg Catechism—Christ United Reformed Church

To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it. I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others; 1 rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. Have you ever posted a line from a catechism? Klooster, Professor of Systematic Theology Emeritus of Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI, has given us a very fine new book entitled: A Mighty Comfort, the Christian Faith According to the Heidelberg Catechism, published by CRC Publishing, Grand Rapids, MI.

## The Heidelberg Catechism

Rather, with all our hearts we should always hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right.

## Heidelberg Catechism—Christ United Reformed Church

That is, we learned to speak of faith, of unbelief, of sin, salvation, the gospel, conversion, justification, sanctification, the law, the means of grace, Christian piety, and prayer. May we also swear by saints or other creatures? Primarily because He is the Father of Jesus Christ, who is the eternal

Word, begotten of Him from eternity, then being manifested in the world, was demonstrated and declared to be the Son of God.

**Your Only Comfort In Life And In Death**

That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

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