

## The Heidelberg Catechism

### **60. How are you righteous before God?**

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ:<sup>1</sup> that is, although my conscience accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them,<sup>2</sup> and am still prone always to all evil;<sup>3</sup> yet God, without any merit of mine,<sup>4</sup> of mere grace,<sup>5</sup> grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction,<sup>6</sup> righteousness, and holiness of Christ,<sup>7</sup> as if I had never committed nor had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me;<sup>8</sup> if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rom 3:21-28; Gal 2:16; Eph 2:8-9; Php 3:8-11; <sup>2</sup> Rom 3:9-10; <sup>3</sup> Rom 7:23; <sup>4</sup> Dt 9:6; Ezek 36:22; Tit 3:4-5; <sup>5</sup> Rom 3:24; Eph 2:8; <sup>6</sup> 1 Jn 2:2; <sup>7</sup> Rom 4:3-5; 2 Cor 5:17-19; 1 Jn 2:1; <sup>8</sup> Rom 4:24-25; 2 Cor 5:21; <sup>9</sup> Jn 3:18; Acts 16:30-31; Rom 3:22, 28, 10:10