

**July 31st, 2022**

## **Schedule of Events:**

**This Week:** 9:30 AM Reading Service  
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service

**Next Week:** 9:30 AM Reading Service  
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service

**Monday:** Consistory Meeting 1:30 PM

-All the Lord willing-

## **Announcements:**

**Offerings: 1st offering:** General Fund  
**2nd offering Today:** Prison Diary

**2nd offering next week:** School Fund

## **Remember in Prayer:**

- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses. ("He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." Psalms 102:17)

## **Meditation:**

### **I. WHAT THE DELIVERANCE OF MAN IS**

The word deliverance is relative; for every deliverance is from something to something, as from captivity to liberty. As now all men, by nature, are the slaves of sin, satan, and death, we cannot

better and more correctly understand what the deliverance of man is, than by a consideration of what his misery consists in. The misery of man consists, first, in the loss of righteousness, and in inbred corruption, or sin; and secondly, in the punishment of sin. His deliverance, therefore, from this misery, requires, first, the pardon and abolishing of sin, and a restoration of the righteousness lost: and secondly, a release from all punishment and misery. As therefore, the misery of man consists of two parts—sin and death—so his deliverance consists of two parts—a deliverance from sin and death. Deliverance from sin includes the pardon of sin, that it may not be imputed unto us, and an abolishing of sin by the renewing of our nature, that it may not reign in us. Deliverance from death, is a deliverance from despair, and a sense of the wrath of God—from the calamities and miseries of this life; and also from death, both temporal and spiritual. From these things it is easy to perceive what we are to understand by the deliverance of man. It consists in a perfect deliverance from all the miseries of sin and death, which the fall has entailed upon man, and a full restoration of righteousness, holiness, life, and eternal felicity, through Christ; which is begun in all the faithful in this life, and will be fully perfected in the life to come.

### **II. WHETHER SUCH A DELIVERANCE BE POSSIBLE**

That this deliverance of man from the ruins of the fall was possible, may be inferred from a consideration:

1. Of the immense goodness and mercy of God, which would not suffer the whole human race to perish forever.
2. The infinite wisdom of God would naturally lead us to expect that he would be able to devise a way by which he might exhibit his mercy towards the human race, and yet not violate his justice.
3. A consideration of the power of God might lead us to the conclusion that he who could create man out of nothing after his own image, could also raise him up from the ruins of the fall, and deliver him from sin and death. To deny the possibility of the deliverance of man is, therefore, to deny the goodness, wisdom, and power of God.

*Partial chapter taken from Lord's Day 5 out of  
The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg  
Catechism*

**Notes:**

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*O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name:  
Make known his deeds among the people.*

*Psalms 105:1*

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m