

Mid-Week Devotions

ABOUT THE HEIDELBURG CATECHISM:

The Reformation was not a singular movement. Soon after Luther posted his ninety-five theses, reform movements sprang up throughout Europe. As Lutheran thought moved down the Neckar River, Reformed thought traveled up the Rhine from Switzerland. They met at Heidelberg, seat of the oldest university in Germany and capital of the province known as the Palatinate. Tension between Lutherans and Reformed Christians was intense. Because the Reformed did not believe in the real, bodily presence of Christ in the bread and wine, Lutherans believed that they were desecrating the Lord's Supper.

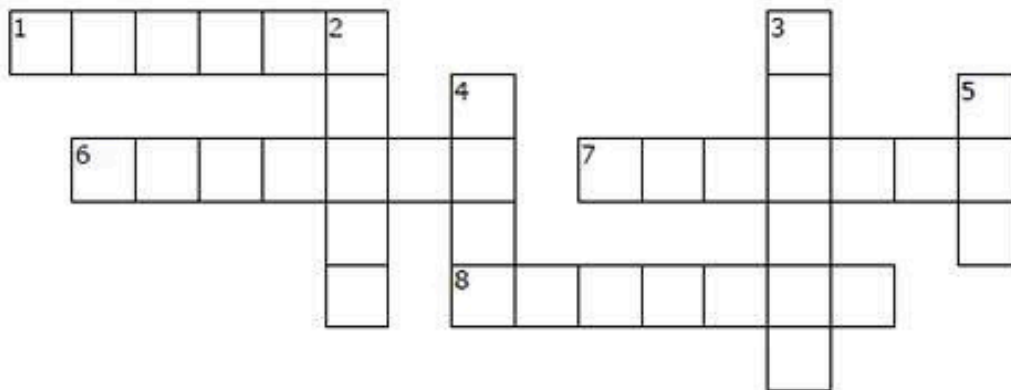
Acting to end the controversy, Frederick the Elector, ruler of the Palatinate, asked two young men of Heidelberg—Zacharias Ursinus, professor of theology, and Kaspar Olevianus, preacher to the city—to prepare a catechism acceptable to both sides. They revised an earlier catechism that Ursinus had written, using its outline and some ninety of its questions and answers. Completed in 1562, the Heidelberg Catechism was published in January of the following year.

The Heidelberg Catechism opens with two questions concerning our comfort in life and death. Questions 3-11 deal with our sin and misery, questions 12-85 with the way in which God in Jesus Christ frees us, and questions 86-129 with the manner in which we express gratitude to God for our deliverance.

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17:15 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 17:11-19 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. A person ordained to perform religious duties in the church
6. A community smaller in than a city
7. To rid of impurities by or as if by washing
8. An infectious disease that damages a person's nerves and skin

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2. To express gratitude to someone for something they have done
3. To honor, worship, and express admiration to God
4. To restore to health
5. The number equal to $7 + 3$

THANK	TEN	CLEANSE	LEPROSY
PRAISE	HEAL	PRIEST	VILLAGE