

Nothing but the Blood
Ransomed by the Blood
Revelation 5:6-10 (page 1221)

The Heidelberg Catechism

Question 1:

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

Answer:

*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. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him (emphasis mine).*

Points to Ponder: Take time to think: what are the implications of the fact that Jesus has purchased me with his blood - that I belong to Him? How should that truth shape how I think about my plans, money, relationships, and eternity?

A Note to Parents: Please know that the children who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we are considering. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God's Word.

Next Week: We will continue our Lenten Sermon Series entitled *Nothing of the Blood* - a series in which we will ponder some of what God's Word tells us that the blood of Jesus accomplished for us. Our hope is that this season of Lent will prepare us well to marvel at our Savior's death and resurrection in the week of Easter. Next week we will look at the text of **Romans 3:24-25** *A Propitiation by His Blood*.

