

## The Heidelberg Catechism (1879)

### Lord's Day — III

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Question 6: **Did God then create man so wicked and perverse?**

Answer: By no means, but God created man good, and after his own image (Gen 1:27)<sup>1</sup>, in righteousness and true holiness (Eph 4:24)<sup>2</sup> that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love him (Col 3:10)<sup>3</sup> and live with him in eternal happiness, to glorify and praise him (Isa 43:7)<sup>4</sup>.

Question 7: **Whence then proceeds this depravity of human nature?**

Answer: From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise (Rom 5:12)<sup>5</sup>; hence our nature is become so corrupt, that we are all conceived and born in sin (John 3:6)<sup>6</sup>.

Question 8: **Are we then so corrupt that we are wholly incapable of doing any good, and inclined to all wickedness?**

Answer: Indeed we are (Rom 7:18)<sup>7</sup>; except we are regenerated by the Spirit of God (John 3:3).<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gen 1:21

<sup>2</sup> Ecc 7:29

<sup>3</sup> 1 Chron 28:9; Rev 22:14

<sup>4</sup> Pro 16:4; 1 Cor 10:31; Ps 16:11

<sup>5</sup> 1 Cor 15:22; Matt 7:18; Gen 3:1-6

<sup>6</sup> Ps 51:5; 53:1; Rom 3:9-12; Job 14:4; Gen 8:21

<sup>7</sup> 2 Cor 3:5; Gen 6:5; Job 15:16

<sup>8</sup> John 3:5-6; Jer 13:23; Eph 2:4-5