

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 22: Redeemed

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

We Belong to Christ

175. Why did Jesus redeem us?

1 Timothy 2:4 (see also: 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Revelation 5:9)

176. What is Christ's goal in making us his own?

Romans 6:6 Luke 1:68, 74–75 1 Peter 2:9 (see also: 2 Corinthians 5:15, Titus 2:14, and Galatians 2:20)

177. How is it possible that our service to God could be considered righteous, innocent, and blessed?

Isaiah 61:10 Revelation 7:14 Ephesians 4:24 (see also: Titus 2:11–13, Colossians 3:17, and John 12:1–8)

178. When will we finally be able to serve in perfect and everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness?

2 Peter 3:13 (see also: Revelation 7:14–15 and Revelation 14:4–5)

179. What gives us confidence that we will one day serve God in the perfection of heaven?

Job 19:25–27 (see also: 1 Corinthians 6:14 and Philippians 3:20–21)

180. How does the redemption won for us by Christ become our own?

Acts 16:30–31 (see also: John 3:16 and Romans 10:4)

181. How do we come to believe in Jesus?

Romans 10:17 1 Corinthians 12:3

Luke 19:1–10

1. How did Zacchaeus demonstrate that his heart was changed?
2. We all struggle because of our sinful nature, but how does the message that you belong to Christ influence your attitude and actions?

Recommended memory work: The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed with Explanation

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.