

Preparatory

Introduction

- I. Lord's Day 5 begins the second section of the HC - our deliverance.
- II. Lord's Day 5 explains from the Scripture our greatest need. What is this?

Our Greatest Need

I. Full Satisfaction

- A. We understand full satisfaction for our sin is what we most need when we have the right perspective of life, a perspective very different from this world.
 1. If we are living for this world, we will have a very different idea of our greatest need.
 2. But realizing that what is most important is God's relationship to us, then this all changes.
- B. Our greatest need is the satisfaction of God's justice.
 1. Each of us has a spiritual debt that we cannot pay.
 2. We have a spiritual debt far worse than any financial debt.
 3. The only way to be saved from this debt of sin is satisfaction.

II. Qualified Substitute - who can satisfy God's justice and reconcile us to God?

- A. Can we do satisfy God's justice? Can man do this? Are we able to do this? No.

B. We need a qualified substitute.

1. What about another creature? Could another creature on earth or heaven take my place?
2. But there is a positive answer: there is one who can save us.

III. Highest Blessings

- A. Through our Lord Jesus Christ we are delivered from God's wrath and have friendship with God.

- B. This is what we have only through our perfect Mediator, Jesus Christ.