

Lord's Day 7
The Heidelberg Catechism
The Assurance of Faith
Romans 8:12-17

1. By faith we are united to Christ and find salvation in him (Q&A 20).

- a. "by true faith"
 - i. Hebrews 4:2
 - ii. Romans 11:19-20

- b. "grafted into Christ and accept all his blessings"
 - i. Ephesians 1:3
 - ii. Ephesians 2:4-7

2. True Faith: not only knowledge and conviction, but also assurance (Q&A 21).

- a. Faith has content (Q&A 22-23, Hebrews 11:1-3).

- b. Faith includes assurance (Hebrews 11:1).

3. The Assurance of Faith: "everything God promises us in the Gospel"

- a. Canons of Dort V.10: "Accordingly, this assurance does not derive from some private revelation beyond or outside the Word, but from faith in the promises of God which he has very plentifully revealed in his Word for our comfort, from the testimony of the Holy Spirit testifying with our spirit that we are God's children and heirs, and finally from a serious and holy pursuit of a clear conscience and of good works."

- b. 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

- c. Romans 8:16