

## The Heidelberg Catechism

### **62. But why cannot our good works be the whole or part of our righteousness before God?**

Because the righteousness which can stand before the judgment seat of God, must be perfect throughout and entirely conformable to the divine law,<sup>1</sup> but even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Deut 27:26; Gal 3:10; <sup>2</sup> Isa 64:6; Php 3:12; Jas 2:10