

ANCIENT ANSWERS

modern questions

The Heidelberg Catechism in the 21st Century

LORD'S DAY THREE

6 Q. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

A. No.

God created them good¹ and in his own image,²
that is, in true righteousness and holiness,³
so that they might
truly know God their creator,⁴
love him with all their heart,
and live with him in eternal happiness
for his praise and glory.⁵

7 Q. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents,
Adam and Eve, in Paradise.⁶
This fall has so poisoned our nature⁷
that we are born sinners—;
corrupt from conception on.⁸

¹ *Genesis 1:31*

² *Genesis 1:26-27*

³ *Ephesians 4:24*

⁴ *Colossians 3:10*

⁵ *Psalm 8*

⁶ *Genesis 3*

⁷ *Romans 5:12; 18-19*

⁸ *Psalm 51:5*

8 Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

A. Yes,⁹ unless we are born again,
by the Spirit of God.¹⁰

Sermon Notes

_____ Depravity

What was _____

Made to _____ God

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Made to _____ God

Made to _____ God

What we _____

⁹ Genesis 6:5; 8:21; Job 14:4; Isaiah 53:6

¹⁰ John 3:3-5