

Unit 8 – Sunday, November 8th, 2020 – The Names and Titles of Jesus

Step 1 – Watch Pastor Andrew's video for the week (link is on the church website: www.palmerstoncrc.com).

Step 2 – Read Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29-34 aloud with your family:

Q & A 29

Q. Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

A. Because he saves us from our sins,¹ and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.²

¹ Matt. 1:21; Heb. 7:25

² Isa. 43:11; John 15:5; Acts 4:11-12; 1 Tim. 2:5

Q & A 30

Q. Do those who look for their salvation in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

A. No. Although they boast of being his, by their actions they deny the only savior, Jesus.¹

Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.²

¹ 1 Cor. 1:12-13; Gal. 5:4

² Col. 1:19-20; 2:10; 1 John 1:7

Q & A 31

Q. Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit¹ to be our chief prophet and teacher² who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance;³ our only high priest⁴

who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body,⁵
and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;⁶
and our eternal king⁷

who governs us by his Word and Spirit,
and who guards us and keeps us
in the freedom he has won for us.⁸

¹ Luke 3:21-22; 4:14-19 (Isa. 61:1); Heb. 1:9 (Ps. 45:7)

² Acts 3:22 (Deut. 18:15)

³ John 1:18; 15:15

⁴ Heb. 7:17 (Ps. 110:4)

⁵ Heb. 9:12; 10:11-14

⁶ Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24

⁷ Matt. 21:5 (Zech. 9:9)

⁸ Matt. 28:18-20; John 10:28; Rev. 12:10-11

Q & A 32

Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ¹
and so I share in his anointing.²

I am anointed
to confess his name,³
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,⁴
to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil
in this life,⁵
and afterward to reign with Christ
over all creation
for eternity.⁶

¹ 1 Cor. 12:12-27

² Acts 2:17 (Joel 2:28); 1 John 2:27

³ Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10; Heb. 13:15

⁴ Rom. 12:1; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9

⁵ Gal. 5:16-17; Eph. 6:11; 1 Tim. 1:18-19

⁶ Matt. 25:34; 2 Tim. 2:12

Q & A 33

Q. Why is he called God's "only begotten Son"
when we also are God's children?

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.¹
We, however, are adopted children of God—

adopted by grace through Christ.²

¹ John 1:1-3, 14, 18; Heb. 1

² John 1:12; Rom. 8:14-17; Eph. 1:5-6

Q & A 34

Q. Why do you call him “our Lord”?

A. Because—

not with gold or silver,

but with his precious blood—¹

he has set us free

from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,²

and has bought us,

body and soul,

to be his very own.³

¹ 1 Pet. 1:18-19

² Col. 1:13-14; Heb. 2:14-15

³ 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Tim. 2:5-6

Source: (<https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/confessions/heidelberg-catechism>)

Step 3 – Discuss these names and titles of Jesus as talking points together as a family; feel free to adapt the questions based upon the age and developmental stage of your children.

- **SAVIOR** – Why is Jesus called our (only) savior? (Q&A #29)
- **CHRIST** – What does the title “Christ” mean? (Q&A #31)
- **ONLY BEGOTTEN SON** – How does Jesus' status as a “son” of God differ from our status as God's children? (Q&A #33)
- **LORD** – How is it that Jesus became our “Lord”? (Q&A #34)

Step 4 – Close the discussion with a time of family prayer.