

Daily Prayer

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Today's prayer is based on the thirty-third and -fourth questions and answers of the Heidelberg Catechism, 1563. The first question is:

Why is Jesus called God's *only begotten Son*
when we also are God's children?

*Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.
We, however, are adopted children of God -
adopted by grace through Christ.*

I praise you, Father, Son and Spirit,
that, in your counsel together,
you decided to reveal yourself to us as the great One-in-Three,
the Three-in-One,
with the Son, proceeding from the Father eternally,
and the Spirit eternally proceeding from the Father, and the Son.
Thank you Son Jesus, for eternally securing my adoption into your family
through no merit of my own, but only on *your* eternal merit,
in complete agreement with the Father, and with the Holy Spirit.

Why do we call Jesus *our Lord*?

*Because - not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood -
he has set me free from sin and the tyranny of the devil,
and has bought me, body and soul,
to be his very own.*

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for purchasing me with
the most valuable thing that exists -
the very life-blood of God;
and thank you that that blood is powerful enough
to set me free from sin and the devil.
Lord, I gladly recognize your ownership of me,
body and soul,
and delight to know you consider me to be your very own.
Please find me useful for whatever you want done in this world,
for Jesus and his kingdom's sake. Amen.

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Pray - and let God worry.

- Martin Luther