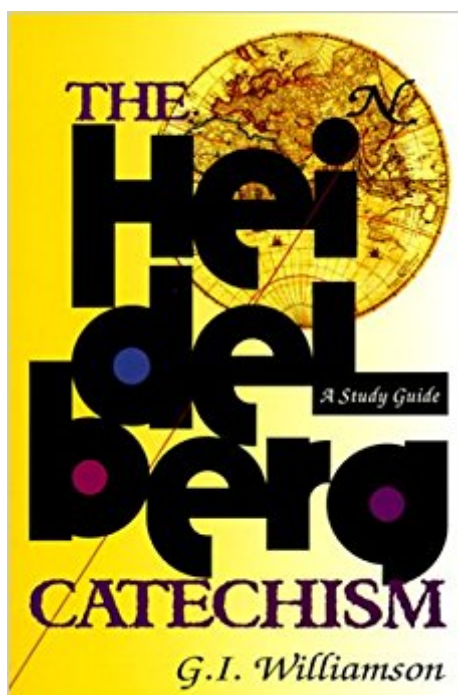


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# The Heidelberg Catechism: A Study Guide



## Synopsis

The Heidelberg Catechism is one of the finest creeds of the reformation period. A faithful teacher of millions, it has stood the test of time and is still, today, one of the best tools available for learning what it means to be a Christian. This study guide to the Catechism includes 129 questions and answers, along with clear exposition and questions for review, further study, and discussion.

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"G.I. Williamson has once again done the church an invaluable service. . . . In simple and clear language he has opened up the wealth of the Catechism for all to see. G.I.'s long experience as a teacher of catechism has given him the expertise and wisdom that make his study guides so successful.... The value of the Heidelberg Catechism is not restricted to any one age of people, but insofar as it maps the saving doctrines of the Scriptures, it will continue to be used with profit the world over." --R. Dean Anderson, Jr., from the forward". . . biblical, clear, well illustrated . . . . an excellent guide for preachers, teachers, parents, and students." --Thomas Vanden Heuvel, The Outlook

G. I. Williamson (BD, Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary) has served congregations of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Churches of New Zealand, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He is author of study guides to the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter Catechism, as well as editor of *Ordained Servant*, a journal for elders and deacons.

Before I ever discovered the Heidelberg Catechism, I memorized and studied the Westminster Catechism. I wish I could say that I had nobler motives, but the truth was that if I had memorized the catechism and wrote an essay on it assigned by the Presbyterian Church USA, I had a good chance of getting a stipend from the denomination given to students who attended PC(USA) colleges. So, I, along with 2 or 3 of my college peers began to work hard to memorize the text, and we succeeded both in memorizing the document and in receiving the \$1000 dollars promised for doing so. Somehow, in the process, I was given a study guide of the catechism by someone. The study guide was from G.I. Williamson. Now that I am getting deeper in my study of the Heidelberg Catechism, I have also picked up a study guide on Heidelberg by Williamson entitled (surprise) The Heidelberg Catechism: A Study Guide. Many times, as I read what he says, I hear a person with questions that come from a more conservative hermeneutical perspective than I, and from a different generation than I. Nevertheless, I find his discussion on each week of questions and answers helpful because he helps me see things from my church people's perspective (who are also from a more mature generation), and it helps me read the text with fresh eyes. There are times when I disagree with Williamson, but I appreciate his willingness to stay rooted in his Orthodox Presbyterian tradition. Each chapter has commentary on the questions and answers to be studied on each week. They also questions on the lesson, and questions for further study on the biblical and theological issues that the week's questions bring up. Williamson is thorough! No matter what perspective you come from, I think if you want to study the Heidelberg Catechism, you need to The Heidelberg Catechism: A Study Guide by Williamson on your desk. It is the standard in the English language on studying the document.

The Heidelberg catechism is a most pastoral teaching document for new comers to the Christian faith. It is a refreshing stream for both newcomers and for those who have spent a lifetime under its influence. The central message of the Heidelberg catechism is that the Holy Spirit is our Comforter in life and in death. G.I. Williams is a man of the Westminster Standards (the most clinical of Reformed teaching and training resources) and in this book he shines light on the true nature of man, the true nature of Jesus Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit within the body of Christ, His Church. G.I. has a unique style that was born out of many years of ministry in the Orthodox Presbyterian Churches of America and also out of his missionary activities within the Reformed Churches of New Zealand. He taught from the Heidelberg catechism and he has counseled several generations of young and old believers - it shows. This book is to the point, it is not exhaustive, but it is clearly illustrative of the hope and joy that believers share in Jesus Christ. If you are hungry for

knowledge rooted in the infallible Word of God this book will not disappoint you.

This is a wonderful study of the Heidelberg catechism. I would recommend it to everybody

Very wonderful presentation.

We are using this book with our small group... great discussions so far!

Maybe my 4th copy. I can't stop giving this version away.

It took a long time to ship. I almost forgot about it. The book itself is great and is a great companion for studying the Holy Scriptures.

Helpful guide. Makes for better understanding of the Catechism

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