

LESSON 02: BELONGING TO JESUS

Memory work

Memorize either the text passages OR all the song texts below (both Hymn 64 and Hymn 11:9)

1. Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. *That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me
of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.*

2. Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. *First, how great my sins and misery are;
second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery;
third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.*

Alternative Memory Work

Hymn 64:

*1. What is in life and death my only aid,
my comfort when I am by troubles swayed?
I am not mine but Christ's, who fully paid
for all my sins and saved me.
His precious blood for my offences gave he,
freed me from all the devil's power and slavery,
for in the book of life God did engrave me,
and me his own he made.*

*2. My faithful Saviour keeps me in his care;
without my Father's will cannot a hair
fall from my head; he shall for me prepare
a heavenly habitation.
All things must serve to further my salvation.
His Holy Spirit brings me consolation;
he makes me willing now with dedication
in hope his yoke to bear.*

Hymn 11:9:

*9. O LORD, let your commandments teach us
our sins and misery to know,
that we, delivered from all evil,
to you our thankfulness may show.*

For the homework questions
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Homework *(it's fine to ask your parents to help, or do it with friends)*

1.(4) You can tell who belongs to Jesus by looking at their lives: what they acknowledge as true, how they feel about God, and how they behave. Babies and infants, however, can't really know and believe and have little control over how they behave. Can babies belong to Jesus Christ? Give support for your answer.

2.(3) Look up John 3:18. Why would it say here "shall not perish but [shall] have eternal life" – a future tense – and "stands condemned already" – a present tense?

3.(1) Do you personally feel that you belong to Jesus? Yes / No

4.(1) Do you worry that you may stop belonging to Jesus? Yes / No

5.(1) If you now belong to Jesus and really want to belong to Him, do you think Jesus would ever drop you, that you would ever stop belonging to Jesus? Yes / No