

LESSON 9: CONVERSION: DO GOOD!

Memory work

88. Q. What is the true repentance or conversion of man?

A. *It is the dying of the old nature and the coming to life of the new.*

89. Q. What is the dying of the old nature?

A. *It is to grieve with heartfelt sorrow that we have offended God by our sin,
and more and more to hate it and flee from sin.*

90. Q. What is the coming to life of the new nature?

A. *It is a heartfelt joy in God through Christ,
and a love and delight to live according to the will of God
in all good works.*

91. Q. But what are good works?

A. *Only those which are done
out of true faith,
in accordance with the law of God,
and to His glory,
and not those based on our own opinion or on precepts of men.*

Homework

1.(2) The Catechism uses the imagery of dying and coming to life to describe conversion, based on Romans 6. Look up Ephesians 4:22-24. Which image does the Bible use here to describe conversion?

2.(3) Look at q&a 89 and 90. Notice how they both use the word “heartfelt”. Why does our sorrow and joy have to be “heartfelt”?

3.(3) Can someone who does not believe in God at all do a good work (see q&a 91!)?

_____ because _____

4.(2) The Catechism speaks of works “based on our own opinion or on precepts of men.” Give two examples of works (deeds) which people today think are good, but which God does not consider good.

Example 1: _____

Example 2: _____
