

**The Significance and Result of Christ's Suffering and Death on the Cross**

***A Discussion of Lord's Day 16 of 'The Heidelberg Catechism'***

**1. The Significance of Christ's Death and Burial**

a. *Scriptural Support for Understanding*

b. Read Aloud - Q. & A. 40 & 41

**2. The Benefits of Christ's Death for Us to be Received in Faith by Grace**

a. *Scriptural Support for Understanding*

i. On the Cross, how did Jesus reveal the fulfillment of the Law?

b. Read Aloud - Q. & A. 42 & 43

**3. "He descended into Hell" – Two Basic Views**

a. Read Aloud - Q. & A. 44

<b>Christ's Passion &amp; Suffering on the Cross</b>	<b>Christ's Human Soul in the Realm of the Dead</b>

- i. Which view appears to have clearer Scriptural support?
- ii. Which view does *The Heidelberg Catechism* support?
- iii. Which view does Article 3 of *The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion* appear to support?
- iv. What do you think the original meaning was within the Apostles' Creed?
- v. How can Jonah's experience in the water prior to being swallowed by the huge fish help our understanding of Christ's "descent into hell"?