

Amen!**Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 52b**

1. ON CORPORATE PRAYER:

- a. In Q&A 129, the Catechism challenges us to _____ something *different from what we feel*.
- b. The Lord's Prayer – like the Psalms – _____ us to do many things: to give thanks in all circumstances (Psalm 34; cf. Ephesians 5:19-20), to acknowledge the reality of evil (Psalm 83), to turn toward God and away from idolatry (Psalm 115).
- c. Deadly _____ is a danger, but so is performative spontaneity. The Lord's Prayer calls us to have a faith-filled desire to be changed and formed by it.

2. A COUNTER-CULTURAL PRAYER: The traditional _____ of the Lord's Prayer teaches us to relate to the world counter-culturally:

- a. Anti-_____ -worship: "all-powerful king"
- b. Anti-chaos and _____: "willing and able"
- c. Anti-_____ -worship: "your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise"

3. REVIVING THE "AMEN!": This small word sums up all of _____.

- a. The word "amen" expresses who we are as creatures: God initiates and sustains our existence, and we _____ with praise and gratitude. God speaks, and we respond with faith in his Word.

- b. The word "amen" is used in _____ ways in Scripture:

"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!" Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord. (1 Chronicles 16:36)
 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. (2 Corinthians 1:20)
 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen. (Revelation 22:20-21)

- c. We use the word "amen!" not as spontaneous feeling, but as receiving and embracing our _____ as the church of Jesus Christ.
- d. It is good news that God calls us to say "amen!" to his _____ in Christ.