HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD’S DAY 12

Psalter 229:5,6 - 125:1,2,3,4,5 - 47:6,10,11 - 181:1,2,3,4

Scripture: Psalm 45

**CHRIST AND HIS MEMBERS**

1. The Anointed of God.

2. Christ’s anointed.

**Questions for discussion and reflection**

1. Answer 31 deals with the three offices of the Lord Jesus. What are they? Can you describe what each of these offices involved in the Bible times? For example, what did such a person have to do?
2. Answer 31 says something about how the Lord Jesus performs each of these offices. Which blessings (five different ones in total) does the Catechism mention?
3. Think quietly (meditate) about these blessings. What do the offices of the Lord Jesus mean for you personally?
4. Q32 asks the important question: Why are you called a Christian? The answer contains two parts. First it says, “because …” (that means, *why*, what is the reason you are a Christian?). Then it says, “that so …” (that means, *whereto*, for what purpose are you a Christian).  
   Which two things does the Catechism mention after ‘because’? What is the reason *you* are called a Christian? Can you with the Catechism say the same thing for yourself?
5. Which things does the Catechism mention after ‘so that’? For what purpose are *you* to be a Christian? Are the things the Catechism mentions in this regard also present in your life? How?
6. If you attentively read the things which Answer 32 mentions after the word ‘because’, you will find the three offices mentioned in Answer 31. The Christian will in his life more and more look like Christ, also in His offices. Can you relate the things the Catechism mentions in Answer 32 to the offices of the Lord Jesus?
7. The name ‘Christ’ has everything to do with the anointing of a priest. Read Ex. 30:22-33. Explain with the help of a study Bible or commentary what this means. How does this help you learn more about the anointing of the Lord Jesus?