**Ps** 41:3,4,5 – 334:1,2,3,4 – 251:1,2,3 – 385:1,2,3. **Scripture**: John 15. **CoD** 5, 14 & 15

HC, LD24

**GOOD WORKS IN THE PART OF DELIVERANCE**

1. Good works and their deficiency;
2. Good works and their reward;
3. Good works and their root.

**Questions for discussion and reflection**

1. This Lord’s Day deals with ‘good works’. What does that actually mean? Can you give examples of good works in our present day?
2. According to answer 62, our good works are deficient. Why? Use this answer to evaluate your own life. Do you concur with the answer?
3. Why is it so difficult for us to give up trusting in *all* our own works?
4. The HC says that our own works cannot even be part of our righteousness before God. But what does James 2:24 then mean?
5. Much understanding and resistance has come up against the Gospel of free grace. A common objection is: “If God forgives out of free grace, then we can live however we want.” How does the HC answer this objection?
6. Answer 64 says very emphatically: “By no means”. What exactly is so impossible? How is this in your own life?
7. Answer 64 uses the word ‘fruits’. Based on this answer meditate on Galatians 5:22. Pause at every fruit. What does it mean? And what do you find beautiful and/or difficult in this list?
8. The question of Q64 is a well-known question. The same question is also mentioned, in different words, in the Bible, namely Romans 6:1. Read Romans 6 carefully. What answer does Paul give to this question?