



Q1. What is your only comfort in life and death?

What happens if you are comfortable all the time?

Being Comfortable vs. Being Comforted

A1. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

- Forgiven
- Protected
- Preserved
- Assured Purpose

2 Thessalonians 3 – A message that has spread!

There is evil – but God is faithful!

God will:

- Strengthen you
- Protect you

God directs your heart into

- **God's** Love
- **Jesus'** Perseverance

Guilt – Grace – Gratitude



ENCOUNTER QUESTIONS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church

Review the sermon, what were the key points?

What questions did it raise for you?

What felt most important to you?

What are your answers to the questions of what being comfortable looks like for you, and what happens if you remain comfortable all the time?

What do you think about the idea that God isn't focused on you being comfortable, but is still a God of comfort? How does it challenge you, or challenge thoughts of the world?

There are 20 passages referenced in question and answer 1 of the Heidelberg Catechism. On Sunday Pastor Dirk looked at only one of them. Take the time you have to examine some of the other Bible verses which lead the authors to the answer that is given.

1 Cor. 6:19-20, Rom. 14:7-9, 1 Cor. 3:23, Titus 2:14, 1 Pet. 1:18-19, 1 John 1:7 & 2:25, John 8:34-36, Heb. 2:14-15, 1 John 3:8, John 6:39-40, & 10:27-30, 2 Thess. 3:3, 1 Pet. 1:5, Matt. 10:29-31, Luke 21:16-18, Rom. 8:28, Rom. 8:15-16, 2 Cor. 1:21-22, 5:5, Eph. 1:13-14, Rom. 8:14

How can you let the Lord lead your heart deeper into God's love and rooted in Jesus' perseverance?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for taking ownership of my life. I know you are a better caretaker of my soul than could ever be. I ask again for your strength and protection in my life that I may more fully live for you through Christ. Amen.