

## Question 38

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**Q38 Can any one go to heaven with this sinful nature?**

**A38 No; our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.**

*Scripture Base:* Ps 11:4; 24: 3-4; 51:10-13; Is 6:1; 53:6; 57:15; Rom. 3:10-12; 6:23; Rev 21:4, 27; 22:15

*Doctrine:* WCF 6:6            SC 19, 84

### Supplementary Questions

1. What is heaven?
2. What does God require from you if you are to enter into heaven?
3. Are you perfect? Are you holy?

**Songs:** "God Made a Covenant", "Jesus Our Redeemer" by Judy Rogers

### Teaching Notes Q38

**Theme:** God must do a gracious work in our hearts before we can enter heaven.

**Review** Q37. What does every sin deserve? - *The wrath and curse of God.*

**Reading:** Psalm 24:3-4 and Revelation 22

**1a.** Heaven is the place where God dwells (Ps. 11:4).

God is everywhere at once (Ps. 139:7-10).

But He reveals Himself much more fully in heaven (Isa. 6:1).

**1b.** Heaven is a place where the saints are blessed

There is no pain, grief, tears, or sin (Rev. 21:4).

All hearts are filled with love and joy (1 Cor. 13:8, Rom. 14:17).

**1c.** Heaven is a holy place.

God is there (Isa. 57:15).

God will only allow those who are holy to enter Rev. 21:27; 22:15.

**2a.** You must be perfect. Psalm 24:3-4

You must have done everything right and nothing wrong.

**2b.** You must also be holy.

You must love God and the saints.

**3a.** No, apart from Christ I am not perfect, because of Adam's sin imputed to me *Rom. 5:12, 18*, and the sins I have committed *Isa. 53:6*.

**3b.** No. Apart from Christ I am not holy, because I don't love God or my neighbor the way I should (*Rom. 3:10-12*).

**Gospel** - No one is good enough to enter into heaven. No one loves God or their neighbor as they should. Jesus is the only One who has done what God requires to enter into heaven. He is the only One who has loved the Father and His neighbor as He should. And God promises that if we will trust in Jesus, He will give us Jesus' perfect record of obedience and a heart to love Him and our neighbor, so that we can enter into heaven. You can't enter into heaven with your sinful heart. But God can change your heart and make you ready for heaven, if you trust in Jesus.

Jn 3: 3- We must be born again to have a new heart.

**Extras:** Two glasses of water – one pure, one muddied. Use a coffee filter to try to remove dirt.

**Song:** "God Made a Covenant" & "Jesus Our Redeemer" by Judy Rogers, Psalm 51:10 ff "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"