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Teaching the Heidelberg Catechism in Indonesia

Later this month, I will travel to Cibubur, Indonesia to teach a course entitled, "Ethics and Culture," written by Dr. Neal Hegeman. A large part of the course discusses the Ten Commandments as explained by the Heidelberg Catechism. The students are being taught from a Reformed perspective, but I do not know if they have ever been introduced to the Heidelberg Catechism. So, I thought it would be helpful to give the students a copy of the Heidelberg Catechism translated into Indonesian. Providentially, a Reformed church in the UK had a copy available for me to use. (See

a sample on the right.)

Throughout the course, Dr. Hegeman provides numerous examples of how Christians interact with American culture. It will be interesting to see what kind of examples we can come up with for Christians interacting with the Muslim culture of Indonesia.

While in Indonesia, I will also teach a course entitled "A Biblical Foundation for Missions." This course examines how the Old and New Testaments approached missions and how that approach impacts our way of engaging in missions today.

Items for Prayer

- Pray for safe travel as I fly to Indonesia and the Philippines in September.
- Pray that the classes I teach will be edifying to the students.
- Pray for pastors in South Asia, particularly in Nepal and India, as they face increased threats from government organizations and radical Hindu groups.

Katekismus Heidelberg

Minggu ke-1 1.

Pert. Apakah satu-satunya penghiburan Saudara, baik pada masa hidup maupun pada waktu mati?

Jaw. Bahwa aku, dengan tubuh dan jiwaku, baik pada masa hidup maupun pada waktu mati (a), bukan milikku (b), melainkan milik Yesus Kristus, Juruselamatku yang setia (c). Dengan darah-Nya yang tak ternilai harganya Dia telah melunasi seluruh utang dosaku (d) dan melepaskan aku dari segala kuasa iblis (e). Dia juga memelihara aku (f), sehingga tidak sehelai rambut pun jatuh dari kepalaku di luar kehendak Bapa yang ada di sorga (g), bahkan segala sesuatu harus berguna untuk keselamatanku (h). Karena itu juga, oleh Roh-Nya yang Kudus, Dia memberiku kepastian mengenai hidup yang kekal (i), dan menjadikan aku sungguh-sungguh rela dan siap untuk selanjutnya mengabdikan kepada-Nya (j).

(a) Rom 14:7-8. (b) I Ko 6:19. (c) I Ko 3:23. (d) I Pe 1:18-19. (e) I Yo 3:8b. (f) Yoh 6:39. (g) Mat 10:30. (h) Rom 8:28. (i) II Ko 1:22. (j) Rom 8:14.

Q&A 1 of the Heidelberg Catechism in Indonesian

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