**Westminster Shorter Catechism**

**Q85: What Does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?**

A85: To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

**Q86: What is faith in Jesus Christ?**

A86: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

**Q87: What is repentance unto life?**

A87: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

**Galatians – some context**

**1:4**: "Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins"

**2**: *Peter distanced himself from the Gentiles, but Paul rebuked him*.

**2:16**: "we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ."

**2:19-20**: "19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

**3:3**: "O foolish Galatians!... Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?"

**3:11,13**: "11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”… 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree."

**3:24-26,28-29**: "24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith… 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

**4:4-7**: "4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

**5:1**: " For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

**5:5-6:** "5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love."

**Galatians 5:16-26 (ESV)**

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.
18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

**What is Paul telling the Galatians to do?**

**If the previous sections of the letter contrast faith and law, why is this section contrasting faith and flesh?**

**Do you think this list of Fruit of the Spirit in verses 22-23 is exhaustive? Why or why not?**

**Therefore, should we have rule in our home, or expect certain behavior from our children? If so, how do we do this without falling victim to living under the law?**

**What are some ways that we can show our children that the Spirit has priority in our lives over the Law?**