**Q84. How does a person change from spiritually dead to spiritually alive?**

By God’s will alone, the Holy Spirit causes the elect to be born again, giving new life and saving faith in Jesus.

1. The first point of our catechism answer states, “by God’s will alone.” In the lecture and in your handout, there were multiple verses given from all over the Scriptures. Share any other verses you know which affirm that man can only move from spiritually dead to spiritually alive by God’s will alone.
2. Do you see the goodness of this doctrine that salvation is done by God’s will alone? Why or why not?
3. According to the Scriptures, if God does not save people, what hope do spiritually dead sinners have?
4. Look at John 3:3-7. What is Jesus teaching Nicodemus in these verses? Why is Nicodemus struggling so hard with understanding what Jesus is talking about?
5. Looking at Ephesians 2:8-9, what is removed from us because faith was a gift? How many of you (give an example) were boastful before you understood this doctrine?
6. According to 2 Cor. 5:17 those of us in Christ are “new creations.” Does your life look different now than it did before you were saved? Give examples of how it is or isn’t different.

**Q85. Who will respond to the gospel?**

The elect; those for whom Christ died are each regenerated in God’s sovereign timing and caused to respond.

1. If God is sovereign in salvation and gives an effectual call to His elect, why do we preach the Gospel?
2. Do you understand the process of salvation as outlined in your handout? What are areas of confusion for you?
3. Can someone respond to the gospel without God’s effectual call? Why or why not?
4. Can a man respond to the gospel if they have not heard it? Why or why not?
5. Must God effectually call the elect at the exact time of them hearing the gospel? Why or why not?
6. According to Jesus in John 10:24-26, why can’t the Pharisees believe Jesus’s claim to be the Christ? Did Jesus tell them He was the Christ? What other proof did Jesus give for His claim?

*Final Application and Takeaways:*

1. How can I grow in my worship of God and His ways?
2. How can I teach these things to family, friends, and coworkers?
3. How can I honor and glorify God based on these truths?
4. As a group, talk about how you can point each other to who God is this week.