

Beginning toward Perfection

Based on *Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord's Day 44, Q. 113–115

1. My sin of cov - et - ous - ness—De - sir - ing what I saw;
2. For - get - ting things be - hind me I reach to - ward the prize;
3. E - ven the ho - liest can - not At - tain per - fec - tion here;

The small - est in - cli - na - tion Or thought a - gainst God's law,
At all times hat - ing e - vil, These sins I mor - ti - fy.
On - ly some small be - gin - nings Of god - li - ness ap - pear;

So eas - ily ris - es in me—That which I wouldn't, I do;
I press to - ward the call - ing Of God in Je - sus Christ;
Yet with sin - cere re - solve we Be - gin to live by grace,

My heart's an i - dol fac - t'ry; Grace dai - ly must re - new.
De - light - ing in o - be - dience Is ev - er my de - light.
Ac - cord - ing to God's will as We live in hope through faith.

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