

Q. 59 But what does it help you now that you believe all this?

A. In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.[1]

[1] Hab_2:4; Joh_3:36; Rom_1:17; Rom_5:1-2.

Q. 60 How are you righteous before God?

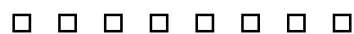
A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.[1] Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them,[2] and am still inclined to all evil,[3] yet God, without any merit of my own,[4] out of mere grace,[5] imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ.[6] He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me,[7] if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.[8]

[1] Rom_3:21-28; Gal_2:16; Eph_2:8-9; Phi_3:8-11. [2] Rom_3:9-10. [3] Rom_7:23. [4] Deu_9:6; Eze_36:22; Tit_3:4-5. [5] Rom_3:24; Eph_2:8. [6] Rom_4:3-5; 2Co_5:17-19; 1Jo_2:1-2. [7] Rom_4:24-25; 2Co_5:21. [8] Joh_3:18; Act_16:30-31; Rom_3:22.

Q. 61 Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

A. Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God.[1] I can receive this righteousness and make it mine my own by faith only.[2]

[1] 1Co_1:30-31; 1Co_2:2. [2] Rom_10:10; 1Jo_5:10-12.



If you have a prayer request, please let me know before the service or write it on the note paper provided and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

Cottonwood Community Church

August 5, 2007

Sunday Devotion: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:00 am

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 14:1-20

Hymn # 142 Onward Christian Soldiers

Psalms 35:18-23

(18) I will give You thanks in the great congregation; I will praise You among a mighty people. (19) Let not those who are my lying enemies rejoice over me, those who hate me without cause wink *with* the eye.

(20) For they do not speak peace; but they think deceitful things against the quiet ones of the earth. **(21)** And they widen their mouths against me; they say, Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen.

(22) You have seen, O Jehovah; do not keep silence; O Jehovah, do not be far from me. (23) Stir up Yourself and awaken to my judgment, to my cause, my God and my Lord.

Hymn #169 Standing On The Promises

Mystery Box Message

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Worship In Song

Congregational Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever.

Amen.

**Messiah God
Mark 1:40-45**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hades.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn # 42 God Be with You

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen