

*If we really think that home is elsewhere and that this life is a "wandering to find home," why should we not look forward to the arrival?*

C. S. Lewis

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Q. 62 But why can our good works not be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of it?

A. Because the righteousness which can stand before God's judgment must be absolutely perfect and in complete agreement with the law of God,[1] whereas even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.[2]

[1] [Deu\\_27:26](#); [Gal\\_3:10](#). [2] [Isa\\_64:6](#).

Q. 63 But do our good works earn nothing, even though God promises to reward them in this life and the next?

A. This reward is not earned[1]; it is a gift of grace.[2]

[1] [Mat\\_5:12](#); [Heb\\_11:6](#). [2] [Luk\\_17:10](#); [2Ti\\_4:7-8](#).

Q. 64 Does this teaching not make people careless and wicked?

A. No. It is impossible that those grafted into Christ by true faith should not bring forth fruits of thankfulness.[1]

[1] [Mat\\_7:18](#); [Luk\\_6:43-45](#); [Joh\\_15:5](#).

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**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 12, 2007

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

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:24-26

Hymn # 18 Crown Him With Many Crowns

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Psalms 35:24-28

**(24) Judge me, O Jehovah my God, according to Your righteousness; and do not let them rejoice over me.**

(25) Let them not say in their hearts, Aha! Our Soul! Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

**(26) Let them be clothed *with* shame and dishonor together, *those* who magnify themselves over me.**

(27) Let those who delight in my justification shout and rejoice; and they shall say without ceasing, The Lord be magnified, delighting in the peace of His servant.

**(28) And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness, of Your praise all the day long.**

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Hymn #50 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Mystery Box Message

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Acts 9:32-35

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.

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**Fascination, Appreciation, Demonstration  
Luke 5:17-26**

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Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn # 42 God Be with You

Benediction: Romans 16:25-27

(25) Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages (26) but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - (27) to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.