



Q. 65 Since then faith alone makes us share in Christ and all His benefits, where does this faith come from?

A. From the Holy Spirit,[1] who works it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel,[2] and strengthens it by the use of the sacraments.[3]

[1] Joh\_3:5; 1Co\_2:10-14; Eph\_2:8; Phi\_1:29. [2] Rom\_10:17; 1Pe\_1:23-25. [3] Mat\_28:19-20; 1Co\_10:16.

Q. 66 What are the sacraments?

A. The sacraments are holy, visible signs and seals. They were instituted by God so that by their use He might the more fully declare and seal to us the promise of the gospel.[1] And this is the promise: that God graciously grants us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life because of the one sacrifice of Christ accomplished on the cross.[2]

[1] Gen\_17:11; Deu\_30:6; Rom\_4:11 [2] Mat\_26:27-28; Act\_2:38; Heb\_10:10.

Q. 67 Are both the Word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

A. Yes, indeed. The Holy Spirit teaches us in the gospel and assures us by the sacraments that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.[1]

[1] Rom\_6:3; 1Co\_11:26; Gal\_3:27.



**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 19, 2007

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

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 6:1-7

Hymn #16 Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty

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Psalms 36:1-4

**(1) To the choirmaster. Of David, the servant of the LORD. Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes.**

(2) For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated. (3) The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good.

**(4) He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil.**

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Hymn #218 The Solid Rock

Mystery Box Message

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17

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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### **Getting The Priorities Straight Luke 5:27-32**

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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.