

Q. 46 What do you confess when you say, He ascended into heaven?

A. That Christ, before the eyes of His disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven,[1] and that He is there for our benefit[2] until He comes again to judge the living and the dead.[3]

[1] Mar_16:19; Luk_24:50-51; Act_1:9-11. [2] Rom_8:34; Heb_4:14; Heb_7:23-25; Heb_9:24. [3] Mat_24:30; Act_1:11.

Q. 47 Is Christ, then, not with us until the end of the world, as He has promised us?[1]

A. Christ is true man and true God. With respect to His human nature He is no longer on earth,[2] but with respect to His divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit He is never absent from us.[3]

[1] Mat_28:20. [2] Mat_26:11; Joh_16:28;Joh_17:11; Act_3:19-21; Heb_8:4. [3] Mat_28:18-20; Joh_14:16-19; Joh_16:13.

Q. 48 But are the two natures in Christ not separated from each other if His human nature is not present wherever His divinity is?

A. Not at all, for His divinity has no limits and is present everywhere.[1] So it must follow that His divinity is indeed beyond the human nature which He has taken on and nevertheless is within this human nature and remains personally united with it.[2]

[1] Jer_23:23-24; Act_7:48-49. [2] Joh_1:14; Joh_3:13; Col_2:9.

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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

July 1, 2007

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

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

Hymn #194 At Calvary

Psalms 34:15-22

(15) The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

(16) The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. (17) When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

(18) The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Hymn #195 Amazing Grace

Mystery Box Message

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 5:1-16

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.

Darkness and Death Dispelled Matthew 4:13-17

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