

Q. 49 How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?

A. First, He is our Advocate in heaven before His Father.[1] Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that He, our Head, will also take us, His members, up to Himself.[2] Third, He sends us His Spirit as a counter-pledge,[3] by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.[4] [1] Rom_8:34; 1Jo_2:1. [2] Joh_14:2; Joh_17:24; Eph_2:4-6. [3] Joh_14:16; Act_2:33; 2Co_1:21-22; 2Co_5:5. [4] Col_3:1-4. Q. 50 Why is it added, And sits at the right hand of God?

A. Christ ascended into heaven to manifest Himself there as Head of His Church,[1] through whom the Father governs all things.[2] [1] Eph_1:20-23; Col_1:18. [2] Mat_28:18; Joh_5:22-23.

Q. 51 How does the glory of Christ, our Head, benefit us?

A. First, by His Holy Spirit He pours out heavenly gifts upon us, His members.[1] Second, by His power He defends and preserves us against all enemies.[2] [1] Act_2:33; Eph_4:7-12. [2] Psa_2:9; Psa_110:1-2; Joh_10:27-30; Rev_19:11-16.

Q. 52 What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?

A. In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven the very same person who before has submitted Himself to the judgment of God for my sake, and has removed all the curse from me.[1] He will cast all His and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but He will take me and all His chosen ones to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.[2] [1] Luk_21:28; Rom_8:22-25; Phi_3:20-21; Tit_2:13-14. [2] Mat_25:31-46; 1Th_4:16-17; 2Th_1:6-10.



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

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

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-12

Hymn # 232 Trust and Obey

Psalms 34:19-22

(19) Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

(20) He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

(21) Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

(22) The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Hymn #195 Amazing Grace

Mystery Box Message

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:37-41

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.

Multitasking
Luke 5:1-11

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn # 42 God Be with You

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you
peace. Amen