

Question 49

Q. 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.

Question 50

Q. 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.

Question 51

Q. 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] Ps 2:9; Ps 110:1-2; Jo 10:27-30; Rv 19:11-16.

Question 52

Q. 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.

Cottonwood Community Church

August 14, 2011

Eighth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday Devotion, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

Hymn 16: Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty

Psalms 37:1-11 NKJV

- 1. Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.**
 2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.
 - 3. Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.**
 4. Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
 - 5. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass.**
 6. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.
 - 7. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.**
 8. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—*it* only *causes* harm.
 - 9. For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.**
 10. For yet a little while and the wicked *shall be* no *more*; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it *shall be* no *more*.
 - 11. But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.**
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Hymn 2: Holy, Holy, Holy

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Hymn 1: Come Thou Almighty King

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:39-40

Chorus 146: Father Make Us One

Matthew 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12
About Divorce

Congregational 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

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

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

Hymn 42: God Be With You

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.