

Question 53

Q. What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

A. First, He is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God.[1] Second, He is also given to me,[2] to make me by true faith share in Christ and all His benefits,[3] to comfort me,[4] and to remain with me forever.[5]

[1] Gen 1:1-2; Mat 28:19; Act 5:3-4; 1Co 3:16. [2] 1Co 6:19; 2Co 1:21-22; Gal 4:6; Eph 1:13. [3] Gal 3:14; 1Pe 1:2. [4] Joh 15:26; Act 9:31. [5] Joh 14:16-17; 1Pe 4:14.

Question 54

Q. What do you believe concerning the holy catholic Christian church?

A. I believe that the Son of God,[1] out of the whole human race,[2] from the beginning of the world to its end,[3] gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself, [4] by His Spirit and Word,[5] in the unity of the true faith,[6] a church chosen to everlasting life.[7] And I believe that I am[8] and forever shall remain a living member of it.[9]

[1] Joh 10:11; Act 20:28; Eph 4:11-13; Col 1:18. [2] Gen 26:4; Rev 5:9. [3] Isa 59:21; 1Co 11:26. [4] Psa 129:1-5; Mat 16:18; Joh 10:28-30. [5] Rom 1:16; Rom 10:14-17; Eph 5:26. [6] Act 2:42-47; Eph 4:1-6. [7] Rom 8:29; Eph 1:3-14. [8] 1Jo 3:14, 1Jo 3:19-21. [9] Psa 23:6; Joh 10:27-28; 1Co 1:4-9; 1Pe 1:3-5.

Question 55

Q. What do you understand by the communion of saints?

A. First, that believers, all and everyone, as members of Christ have communion with Him and share in all His treasures and gifts.[1] Second, that everyone is duty-bound to use his gifts readily and cheerfully for the benefit and well-being of the other members.[2]

[1] Rom 8:32; 1Co 6:17; 1Co 12:4-7, 1Co 12:12-13; 1Jo 1:3. [2] Rom 12:4-8; 1Co 12:20-27; 1Co 13:1-7; Phi 2:4-8.

Cottonwood Community Church

August 21, 2011

Ninth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday Devotion, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

Hymn 6: Come Thou Fount

Psalms 37:12-20

12. The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth.

13. The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.

14. The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct.

15. Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken.

16. A little that a righteous man has *is* better than the riches of many wicked.

17. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous.

18. The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever.

19. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20. But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.

Hymn 384: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 5:6-22

Hymn 4: Oh Worship The King

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Acts 16:25-34

Chorus 262: More Precious Than Silver

Matthew 19:16-30

The Impossible Reward

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 34: Abide With Me

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.