

Question 46

Q. 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](#).

Question 47

Q. 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](#).

Question 48

Q. 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](#).

Cottonwood Community Church

July 31, 2011

Sixth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday Devotion, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

Hymn 43: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Psalms 35:19-28

- 19. Let them not rejoice over me who are wrongfully my enemies; Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me without a cause. 20. For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful matters Against *the* quiet ones in the land.**
21. They also opened their mouth wide against me, *And* said, "Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen *it*."
- 22. *This* You have seen, O LORD; Do not keep silence. O Lord, do not be far from me.**
23. Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, To my cause, my God and my Lord.
- 24. Vindicate me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me.**
25. Let them not say in their hearts, "Ah, so we would have it!" Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."
- 26. Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my hurt; Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor Who exalt themselves against me.**
27. Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."
- 28. And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness *And* of Your praise all the day long.**
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Hymn 195: Amazing Grace

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 3:14-17

Hymn 57: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

Chorus 166: Awesome God

Isaiah 65:17-25
The Kingdom Of God

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.