

#### Question 15

Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?

A. One who is a true<sup>[1]</sup> and righteous<sup>[2]</sup> man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is at the same time true God.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] 1Co 15:21; Heb 2:17. [2] Isa 53:9; 2Co 5:21; Heb 7:26. [3] Isa 7:14; Isa 9:6; Jer 23:6; Joh 1:1; Rom 8:3-4.

#### Question 16

Q. Why must He be a true and righteous man?

A. He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin.<sup>[1]</sup> He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Rom 5:12, Rom 5:15; 1Co 15:21; Heb 2:14-16. [2] Heb 7:26-27; 1Pe 3:18.

#### Question 17

Q. Why must He at the same time be true God?

A. He must be true God so that by the power of His divine nature<sup>[1]</sup> He might bear in His human nature the burden of God's wrath,<sup>[2]</sup> and might obtain for us and restore to us righteousness and life.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Isa 9:5. [2] Deu 4:24; Nah 1:6; Psa 130:3. [3] Isa 53:5, Isa 53:11; Joh 3:16; 2Co 5:21.

#### Question 18

Q. But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>[1]</sup> whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Mat 1:21-23; Luk 2:11; 1Ti 2:5; 1Ti 3:16. [2] 1Co 1:30.

#### Question 19

Q. From where do you know this?

A. From the holy gospel, which God Himself first revealed in Paradise.<sup>[1]</sup> Later, He had it proclaimed by the patriarchs<sup>[2]</sup> and prophets,<sup>[3]</sup> and foreshadowed by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law.<sup>[4]</sup> Finally, He had it fulfilled through His only Son.<sup>[5]</sup>

[1] Gen 3:15. [2] Gen 12:3; Gen 22:18; Gen 49:10. [3] Isa 53:1-12; Jer 23:5-6; Mic 7:18-20; Act 10:43; Heb 1:1. [4] Lev 1:7; Joh 5:46; Heb 10:1-10. [5] Rom 10:4; Gal 4:4-5; Col 2:17.

# Cottonwood Community Church

May 22, 2011

Fourth Sunday After Easter

Sunday Devotion, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

Hymn 142: Onward Christian Soldiers

[Psalms 31:1-8](#)

- 1 In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness.**
  - 2 Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me.
  - 3 For You *are* my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me.**
  - 4 Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, For You *are* my strength.
  - 5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.**
  - 6 I have hated those who regard useless idols; But I trust in the LORD.
  - 7 I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, For You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities,**
  - 8 And have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a wide place.
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Hymn 384: Stand Up For Jesus

Old Testament: Psalm 119:169-176

Hymn 443: Nothing But The Blood

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament: 1 Peter 2:21-25

Chorus 84: I Love You Lord

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**Vulnerable, Valuable, Volatile**

Luke 15:1-32

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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.

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Hymn 39: Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

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