

Question 20

Q. Are all men, then, saved by Christ just as they perished through Adam?

A. No. Only those are saved who by a true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all His benefits.[1]

[1] [Mat 7:14](#); [Joh 1:12](#); [Joh 3:16-18](#); [Joh 3:36](#); [Rom 11:16-21](#).

Question 21

Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word.[1] At the same time it is a firm confidence[2] that not only to others, but also to me,[3] God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation,[4] out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.[5] This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.[6]

[1] [Joh 17:3](#); [Joh 17:17](#); [Heb 11:1-3](#); [Jam 2:19](#). [2] [Rom 4:18-21](#); [Rom 5:1](#); [Rom 10:10](#); [Heb 4:16](#). [3] [Gal 2:20](#). [4] [Rom 1:17](#); [Heb 10:10](#). [5] [Rom 1:1-26](#); [Gal 2:16](#); [Eph 2:8-10](#). [6] [Act 16:14](#); [Rom 1:16](#); [Rom 10:17](#); [1Co 1:21](#).

Question 22

Q. What, then, must a Christian believe?

A. All that is promised us in the gospel,[1] which the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith teach us in a summary.

[1] [Mat 28:19](#); [Joh 20:30-31](#).

Question 23

Q. What are these articles?

A. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into Hades.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Cottonwood Community Church

May 29, 2011

Fifth Sunday After Easter

Rogation Sunday

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 31:9-16](#)

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; My eye wastes away with grief, *Yes*, my soul and my body!

10 For my life is spent with grief, And my years with sighing; My strength fails because of my iniquity, And my bones waste away.

11 I am a reproach among all my enemies, But especially among my neighbors, And *am* repulsive to my acquaintances; Those who see me outside flee from me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel.

13 For I hear the slander of many; Fear *is* on every side; While they take counsel together against me, They scheme to take away my life. **14 But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You *are* my God."**

15 My times *are* in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from those who persecute me.

16 Make Your face shine upon Your servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake.

Hymn 52: Fairest Lord Jesus

Old Testament: Zechariah 3:3-5

Hymn 195: Amazing Grace

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament: Galatians 4:4-7

Chorus 166: Awesome God

The Loving Father

Luke 15:11-32

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 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