

Question 60

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.[1] Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them,[2] and am still inclined to all evil,[3] yet God, without any merit of my own,[4] out of mere grace,[5] imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ.[6] He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me,[7] if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.[8]

[1] Rom 3:21-28; Gal 2:16; Eph 2:8-9; Phi 3:8-11. [2] Rom 3:9-10. [3] Rom 7:23. [4] Deu 9:6; Eze 36:22; Tit 3:4-5. [5] Rom 3:24; Eph 2:8. [6] Rom 4:3-5; 2Co 5:17-19; 1Jo 2:1-2. [7] Rom 4:24-25; 2Co 5:21. [8] Joh 3:18; Act 16:30-31; Rom 3:22.

Question 61

Q. Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

A. Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God.[1] I can receive this righteousness and make it mine my own by faith only.[2]

[1] 1Co 1:30-31; 1Co 2:2. [2] Rom 10:10; 1Jo 5:10-12.

Question 62

Q. But why can our good works not be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of it?

A. Because the righteousness which can stand before God's judgment must be absolutely perfect and in complete agreement with the law of God,[1] whereas even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.[2]

[1] Deu 27:26; Gal 3:10. [2] Isa 64:6.

Cottonwood Community Church

September 11, 2011
Twelfth 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

Psalms 38:1-11

- 1. LORD, do not punish me in Your anger or discipline me in Your wrath. 2. For Your arrows have sunk into me, and Your hand has pressed down on me.**
 3. There is no health in my body because of Your indignation; there is no strength in my bones because of my sin.
 - 4. For my sins have flooded over my head; they are a burden too heavy for me to bear.**
 5. My wounds are foul and festering because of my foolishness. 6. I am bent over and brought low; all day long I go around in mourning.
 - 7. For my loins are full of burning pain, and there is no health in my body.**
 8. I am faint and severely crushed; I groan because of the anguish of my heart.
 - 9. Lord, my every desire is known to You; my sighing is not hidden from You.**
 10. My heart races, my strength leaves me, and even the light of my eyes has faded.
 - 11. My loved ones and friends stand back from my affliction, and my relatives stand at a distance.**
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Hymn 443: Nothing But The Blood

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

Hymn 445: In The Garden

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Matthew 20:29-34, Luke 18:35-43

Chorus 71: All Hail King Jesus

Who Is Blind?

Mark 10:46-52

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

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.