

Question 63

Q. But do our good works earn nothing, even though God promises to reward them in this life and the next?

A. This reward is not earned[1]; it is a gift of grace.[2]

[1] [Mat 5:12](#); [Heb 11:6](#). [2] [Luk 17:10](#); [2Ti 4:7-8](#).

Question 64

Q. Does this teaching not make people careless and wicked?

A. No. It is impossible that those grafted into Christ by true faith should not bring forth fruits of thankfulness.[1]

[1] [Mat 7:18](#); [Luk 6:43-45](#); [Joh 15:5](#).

Question 65

Q. Since then faith alone makes us share in Christ and all His benefits, where does this faith come from?

A. From the Holy Spirit,[1] who works it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel,[2] and strengthens it by the use of the sacraments.[3]

[1] [Joh 3:5](#); [1Co 2:10-14](#); [Eph 2:8](#); [Phi 1:29](#). [2] [Rom 10:17](#); [1Pe 1:23-25](#). [3] [Mat 28:19-20](#); [1Co 10:16](#).

Cottonwood Community Church

September 18, 2011
Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday Devotion, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

Hymn #50: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Psalms 38:12-22

12. Those also who seek my life lay snares *for me*; Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan deception all the day long.

13. But I, like a deaf *man*, do not hear; And *I am* like a mute *who* does not open his mouth.

14. Thus I am like a man who does not hear, And in whose mouth *is* no response.

15. For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God.

16. For I said, "*Hear me*, lest they rejoice over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt *themselves* against me."

17. For I *am* ready to fall, And my sorrow *is* continually before me.

18. For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin.

19. But my enemies *are* vigorous, *and* they are strong; And those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied.

20. Those also who render evil for good, They are my adversaries, because I follow *what is* good.

21. Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me!

22. Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Hymn #43: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 139:1-10

Hymn #218: The Solid Rock

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Acts 24:24-27

Hymn #300: Who Is On The Lord's Side?

A True Son Of Abraham

Luke 19:1-10

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.