

## LORD'S DAY 18

### OF GOD THE SON

**Q 46. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SAYING "HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN?"**

- A. *That Christ,*  
*while His disciples watched,*  
*was taken up from the earth into heaven,*  
*and remains there on our behalf*  
*until He comes again*  
*to judge the living and the dead.*

Acts 1:9; Matthew 26:64; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51  
Hebrews 4:14, 7:24-25, 9:11; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 4:10  
Acts 1:11; Matthew 24:30; Acts 3:20-21

**Q 47. BUT ISN'T CHRIST WITH US UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD AS HE PROMISED US?**

- A. *Christ is true man and true God.*  
*In His human nature Christ is now not on earth;*  
*but in His divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit,*  
*He is never absent from us.*

Matthew 28:20  
Matthew 26:11; John 16:28, 17:11  
John 14:17-18, 16:13; Ephesians 4:8; Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 8:4

**Q 48. IF HIS HUMANITY IS NOT PRESENT WHEREVER HIS DIVINITY IS, THEN AREN'T THE TWO NATURES OF CHRIST SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER?**

- A. *Certainly not.*  
*Since divinity*  
*is not limited*  
*and is present everywhere*  
*it is evident that*  
*Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of*  
*the humanity that has been taken on,*  
*but at the same time His divinity is in*  
*and remains personally united to his humanity.*

Acts 7:49; Jeremiah 23:24  
Colossians 2:9; John 3:13, 11:15; Matthew 28:6; John 1:48

**Q 49. WHAT BENEFIT DO WE RECEIVE FROM CHRIST'S ASCENSION INTO HEAVEN?**

A. *First, He is our Advocate*

*in the presence of His Father  
in heaven.*

*Second, we have our own flesh in heaven*

*as a sure pledge that Christ our head  
will also take us, His members, up to Himself.*

*Third, He sends His Spirit to us on earth*

*as a corresponding pledge.*

*By the Spirit's power*

*we seek not earthly things*

*but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.*

**I John 2:1; Romans 8:34**

**John 14:2, 20:17; Ephesians 2:6**

**John 14:16; Acts 2:33; II Corinthians 5:5**

**Colossians 3:1; John 14:3; Hebrews 9:24**

I suggest using a notebook to record your answers, thoughts, and questions that come to mind as you read the catechism and scripture. When we meet it will help to have something written that you can refer back to as we discuss the lessons and pray for each other.

**As we enter the second part of the catechism our attention turns from our sin to our deliverance. Write down two or three attributes of the Lord Jesus Christ from each week's lesson.**

**LORD'S DAY 18: April 30 – May 6, 2017**

**SUNDAY:** Read questions and answers with all scripture references

**MONDAY:** Read Acts 1:6-11

Write down any details that stand out to you. We celebrate Christ's birth and resurrection. Do you think His ascension gets overlooked?

**TUESDAY:** Q46 says Christ is in heaven "on our behalf". Why is this the case? (see Q49!) Will he, in human flesh, ever leave heaven? If so when and for what purpose?

**WEDNESDAY:** Q47 and Q48 deal with some deep theology! How would you sum this up for a child? How does it comfort you to know that Christ is both with you here on earth and in heaven?

**THURSDAY:** I remember the first time I read or heard the answer to Q49. It was another of those "wow!" moments for me.  
Look up the words advocate and pledge.  
Think on not just what words Christ might say to the Father on your behalf but what does his appearance say?

**FRIDAY:** Read Colossians 3:1-17

You may have sung "This World Is Not My Home" AND "This Is My Father's World"  
Are we called to live in a kind of tension between this world and the next?

**SATURDAY:** Read the corresponding essay in *THE GOOD NEWS WE ALMOST FORGOT*