

## LORD'S DAY 19

Q50. Why the next words: “and is seated at the right hand of God”?

**A. Because Christ ascended to heaven to show there that he is head of his church,<sup>1</sup> the one through whom the Father rules all things.<sup>2</sup>**

1. Eph. 1:20–23 – “he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

Eph. 5:23 – “For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.”

Col. 1:18 – “And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.”

2. Matt. 28:18 – “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

John 5:22 – “Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,”

Q51. How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

**A. First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven upon us his members.<sup>1</sup> Second, by his power he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.<sup>2</sup>**

1. Eph. 4:10 – “He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.”

2. Ps. 2:9 – “You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.

Ps. 110:1–2 – “The Lord says to my lord: ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’ The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying, ‘Rule in the midst of your enemies!’”

John 10:28 – “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

Eph. 4:8 – “This is why it says: ‘When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.’”

Q52. How does Christ’s return “to judge the living and the dead” comfort you?

**A. In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me.<sup>1</sup> Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation,<sup>2</sup> but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.<sup>3</sup>**

1. Luke 21:28 – “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Rom. 8:23, 33 – “Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.” “Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.”

Phil. 3:20 – “But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,”

Titus 2:13 – “while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,”

2. 2 Thess. 1:6–7 – “God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.”

1 Thess. 4:16 – “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”

Matt. 25:41 – “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

3. Matt. 25:34 – “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.’”