

LESSON 24: GONE TO HEAVEN

Memory work – q&a 49 is the most important of the 3

You may also memorize the last 2 stanzas of the song on the other side of this sheet.

46. Q. What do you confess when you say, He ascended into heaven?

A. That Christ,

*before the eyes of His disciples,
was taken up from the earth into heaven,
and that He is there for our benefit
until He comes again
to judge the living and the dead.*

47. Q. Is Christ, then, not with us until the end of the world, as He has promised us?

A. Christ is true man and true God.

*With respect to His human nature
He is no longer on earth,
but with respect to
His divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit
He is never absent from us.*

49. Q. How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?

A. First, He is our Advocate in heaven before His Father.

Second, we have our flesh in heaven
as a sure pledge that He, our Head,
will also take us, His members, up to Himself.

Third, He sends us His Spirit as a counter-pledge,
by whose power we seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God,
and not the things that are on earth.

Homework

1.(1) Jews have a name for the glory-cloud that took Jesus into heaven. What is it? _____

2.(2) Who is the most powerful human being today? _____

3.(3) Gabriel told Mary Jesus would receive the throne of David. How did He receive it? _____

4.(4) Traditional Lutherans (e.g. Lutheran Church in Canada) claim Jesus' human nature *became* divine (godly). The Bible does not teach this. What is one of the implications or consequences of this wrong teaching? (see class notes)

*Alternative Memory Work – verse 2, 3 & 4 of the following song***The Lord Ascended from the Earth**

1. The Lord as - cend - ed from the earth in - to the heaven a - bove,
 2. Yet Christ is with us till the end, as he has prom - ised us.
 3. Our Lord's as - cen - sion prof - its us, and makes our lives se - cure.
 4. Christ Je - sus our great King and Priest is now at God's right hand

from where he does his priest - ly work for us, whom he does love.
 He is both true man and true God, and him we wor - ship thus.
 Christ pleads our cause at God's right hand. God's grace for us is sure.
 from where he bless - es all the church, and gov - erns eve - ry land.

He will re - main there till the end when he will come a - gain
 As man he is no long - er here, but in his de - i - ty
 We have our flesh in heaven a - bove where we will one day be.
 He, by his Spir - it, pours out gifts on us, a - bun - dant - ly.

to judge the liv - ing and the dead from God the Fa - ther's throne.
 he's nev - er ab - sent from his church, and so he'll al - ways be.
 His Spir - it dwells with - in our hearts that we like Christ may be.
 and by his pow - er shel - ters us a - gainst all en - e - mies.