

## Lord's Day 19

*Suggested Devotional Readings Prior to Class*  
*Colossians 1:9-20, Ephesians 4:1-6, Matthew 25:31-46*

### **QUESTION 50.**

**Why is it added, And sits at the right hand of God?**

ANSWER. Christ ascended into heaven to manifest Himself there as Head of His Church,<sup>1</sup> through whom the Father governs all things.<sup>2</sup>

### **QUESTION 51.**

**How does the glory of Christ, our Head, benefit us?**

ANSWER. First, by His Holy Spirit He pours out heavenly gifts upon us, His members.<sup>1</sup> Second, by His power He defends and preserves us against all enemies.<sup>2</sup>

### **QUESTION 52.**

**What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?**

ANSWER. In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven the very same person who before has submitted Himself to the judgment of God for my sake, and has removed all the curse from me.<sup>1</sup> He will cast all His and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but He will take me and all His chosen ones to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.<sup>2</sup>

## **Proof Texts for Lord's Day 19**

### **Lords Day 19 [Q&A 50.1]**

*Ephesians 1:20-23* that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all;

*Colossians 1:18* And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

### **Lords Day 19 [Q&A 50.2]**

*Matthew 28:18* And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me;

*John 5:22, 23* For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

### **Lords Day 19 [Q&A 52.1]**

*Acts 2:33* Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing;

*Ephesians 4:7-12* But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,...

## **Lords Day 19 [Q&A 52.2]**

*Psalms 2:9* You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”;

*Psalm 110:1, 2*

The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

The LORD sends forth from Zion  
your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!;

*John 10:27-30* My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”;

*Revelation 19:11-16* Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

## **Lords Day 19 [Q&A 53.1]**

*Luke 21:28* Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”;

*Romans 8:22-25* For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes

for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience;

*Philippians 3:20,21* But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself;

*Titus 2:13, 14* ...waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

### **Lords Day 19 [Q&A 53.2]**

*Matthew 25:31-46* “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”;

*I Thessalonians 4:16, 17* For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord;

*II Thessalonians 1:6-10* ...since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.