

Lord's Day 22

Suggested Devotional Readings Prior to Class

1 Corinthians 15:12-19, 2 Corinthians 5:18, Philippians 1:21-24

QUESTION 57.

What comfort does the resurrection of the body offer you?

ANSWER. Not only shall my soul after this life immediately be taken up to Christ, my Head,¹ but also this my flesh, raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.²

QUESTION 58.

What comfort do you receive from the article about the life everlasting?

ANSWER. Since I now already feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy,¹ I shall after this life possess perfect blessedness, such as no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived-- a blessedness in which to praise God forever.²

Proof Texts for Lord's Day 22

Lords Day 22 [Q&A 57.1]

Luke 16:22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried,...

Luke 23:43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Philippians 1:21-23 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better...

Lords Day 22 [Q&A 57.2]

Job 19:25, 26 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God...

I Corinthians 15:20, 42-46, 54 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual....When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

Philippians 3:21 ... 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

I John 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Lords Day 22 [Q&A 58.1]

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

II Corinthians 5:2, 3 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.

Lords Day 22 [Q&A 58.2]

John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

I Corinthians 2:9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”.