

Lord's Day 19

50. Q. Why is it added,
and sits at the right hand of God?

A. Christ ascended into heaven
to manifest himself there
as Head of his church,
through whom the Father governs all things.

1. Eph 1:20-23; Col 1:18.
2. Mt 28:18; Jn 5:22, 23.

51. Q. How does the glory of Christ, our Head, benefit us?

A. First,
by his Holy Spirit
he pours out heavenly gifts
upon us, his members.
Second,
by his power
he defends and preserves us
against all enemies.

1. Acts 2:33; Eph 4:7-12.
2. Ps 2:9; 110:1, 2; Jn 10:27-30; Rev 19:11-16.

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

A. 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.
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.

1. Lk 21:28; Rom 8:22-25; Phil 3:20,21; Tit 2:13, 14.
2. Mt 25:31-46; 1 Thess 4:16, 17; 2 Thess 1:6-10.
2. **God the Holy Spirit and our Sanctification**