



Faith Talk

Trinity Canadian Reformed Church

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Christ's Ascension

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At the end of March we celebrated Easter. Easter is when we celebrate the fact that Jesus died for our sins and then rose from the dead to conquer sin and death. Forty days after Easter is Ascension Day, because forty days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. There he sits at the right hand of God.

What does Christ's ascension mean for us? Is His work now completed and is He having a well-deserved rest? No, Jesus is now our advocate in heaven. An advocate is described in the dictionary as one who pleads the cause of another. In 1 John 2:1 it says "if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense -- Jesus Christ." We need such an advocate in heaven because even though Jesus died for our sins, we are still sinful people.

We, in ourselves, don't deserve to ask God for anything. But with Jesus in heaven pleading our causes before God we can pray to God knowing that He will hear our prayers and answer us through Jesus. Jesus can be our advocate because even though He was perfect and without sin, He died for our sins and took our guilt upon Himself. In this way Jesus makes us worthy to appear before God. We should all sing "Hallelujah, Christ has risen." He has risen not only from the dead but also has ascended to Heaven to sit at God's right hand where He is our advocate before God.

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