

"Jesus is Our Rest-Part 2" Sermon Date: December 4th, 2022

Reflections on Sunday's Sermon

The New City Catechism—Lord's Day 49

Where is Christ Now?

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world. (Ephesians 1:20-21)

Scripture

Hebrews 4:6-11 (ESV)

⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

Understanding and Applying

1. Theme: What is the overarching theme of the passage (consider the context: historical, audience, surrounding texts)?

2. Doctrine/Truth: What are some truths, promises, or works of God that are being expressed in the passage?

3. Jesus: How does the passage ultimately point to Christ—His person, His work, or the salvation that He has secured for His people?

4. Exhortation: Are there any admonishments and why does God urge the church in this way (verse 11)?

5. Personal: How does the exhortation challenge your responsibility towards the community of saints?

6. Prayer: To close, how might the passage shape your prayers?