

A. The fact of the ascension into heaven (read Acts 1:1-12).

1. Christ ascended _____ days after the resurrection, and _____ days before the day of Pentecost.
2. He ascended into heaven from _____. Who were witnesses of this? _____
3. Do we know where heaven is? _____. How does Scripture speak of heaven, as far as its location is concerned? _____

4. With what nature did Jesus ascend into heaven? _____
5. Christ promises that He will never leave His church alone or without comfort (see John 14:18, 26).
 - a. In what ways is Jesus always with His church on earth? _____

 - b. Would it have been better if Christ Himself would have stayed with us upon earth? _____
Why or why not? _____

B. The tremendous benefit of the ascension.

1. State the first advantage of the ascension in the words of the Catechism: “_____”

 - a. What is an advocate? _____
 - b. According to Romans 8:34 and Hebrews 9:24, what does Christ do in heaven as our Advocate? _____
2. State the second advantage of the ascension. _____

 - a. Quote Ephesians 2:6. “_____”

 - b. Christ is the Head; the church is His body. Since our Head is in heaven we may know that _____

3. State the third advantage of the ascension. _____

 - a. Quote II Corinthians 1:22. “_____”

 - b. What is an earnest? _____
 - c. How is the Holy Spirit an earnest? _____

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C. True or False:

- 1. According to His human nature, Christ is now on earth.
- 2. In the Spirit, Christ is with us in a closer, more intimate, way than ever before.
- 3. It took Christ a long time to reach heaven after leaving Olivet.
- 4. The ascension of Christ belongs to His exaltation and glory.
- 5. Acts 1:9-11 is the only passage in Scripture that speaks of the ascension.
- 6. The fact that Christ ascended into heaven means that the two natures of Christ are now separated.
- 7. Christ will never leave heaven and come to earth again.
- 8. Christ constantly prays to the Triune God in our behalf.
- 9. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to seek heavenly things.
- 10. It makes little difference if we walk in a new and holy way, since we have Christ's pledge that we will be with Him in heaven.

D. Thought question. Read Revelation 5. What does this chapter have to do with the ascension of Christ? (Use commentaries or speak with your parents.) _____
