**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-16

**Singing:** 392:1, 2, 4 – 121:1-4 – 182:1-7 – 408:1-3

**The Comfort of Christ’s reign for the believer**

I. As my Head, He governs and protects my life

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A. Jesus as King stands *infinitely above any other king*

1. How many don’t use their power to advance or enrich themselves

2. Come and adore the King of the Church!

a. while on earth, He never used His power for Himself

b. after enthroned in heaven, He continues the same

3. Come and bow your knee for this King of Kings!

a. The LORD urges us *Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,*

*neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but* *let him that glorieth, glory in this: that he understanding and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD* (Jer. 9:23-24)

4. Approach this King in the *faith and confidence* of Ps. 81:10-16

B. Jesus is a King *who pours His heavenly graces upon His elect Church*

1. How comforting as we face the *reality of death in Adam!*

2. What fruits does Jesus pour out?

a. regeneration

Roman 4:17b *… even God who quickeneth the dead, and*

*calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

b. fruits of regeneration

(1) grace of uncovering or discovering light

• John 9:25 *… one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind,*

*now I see*

(2) grace of spirit of prayer and supplications

• Rom. 8:23: *not only they (the creation) but ourselves also,*

*which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of body*

(3) hunger for the Word of God

• Ps. 119:97 *Oh, how love I thy law! It is my med all day*

(4) saving faith in Jesus Christ:

• John 6:68-69: *Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the*

*words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou are that Christ, the Son of the Living God.*

(5) Joy and peace through believing:

• Rom. 15:13 *Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and*

*peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the*

*power of the Holy Ghost*

(6) love for God and fellow man:

• John 13:34-35: *a new commandment I give unto you, That*

*ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

(7) repentance (sanctification)

• Ezek. 36:26: *And a new spirit will I put within you and*

*will cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my*

*judgments, and do them.*

(8) humility of heart

• 1 Cor. 15:10a: *But by the grace of God I am what I am!*

3. All these graces *fits every believer for his/her task or place within the*

*body of the Church* (Eph. 4:15-16)

**Consider: Behold, He is Fairer than the children of men!**

A. Meditate on Him to conquer your heart

B. Why cling to anything or anyone that can’t truly help you?

**Christ is the ocean, in which every drop is infinite compassion.**

**He is the mountain towering above the mountains,**

**in which every grain is God’s goodness. (Henry Law)**