

All Things Center in Christ-

The goal of the universe and the culmination of God’s purpose is to bring all things under the headship of Christ.

- Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess the Lordship of Christ:
Phil. 2:9-11 “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Our calling, commissioning and destiny is that we should go forth and extend His name.
He has all authority now – the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.

Eph. 1:9-11 “Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, **that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – in Him.**

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance being predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.”

It is the Father’s purpose to bring all things back under the headship of Christ.
What we have failed to see is that we are an important factor in Him accomplishing this purpose.

Our overcoming and taking our place enthroned with Him is necessary to fulfill all God’s plan.

Christ shall reign until all His enemies are under His feet.

We are the Body of Christ – the feet are in the Body.

The feet are the part of the Body that walks the earth!

Our Revelation Determines Our Personal Experience:

We do not enter into experientially any more than we perceive by revelation.

- If truth is not revealed to us by God’s Spirit, we really don’t perceive it as truth yet.

It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to bring us into this revelation.

John 16:13- “When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He shall guide you into all the truth; for He shall not speak from Himself; but what things He shall hear, these shall He speak; and He shall declare to you the things that are to come.”

ICor. 2:12- “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.”

All that we have in Christ has been freely given to us in grace by the Father. He delights for us to into His glorious provisions.

- Luke 12:32- “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.” “He thinks well of you, is willing to give.”

In order to receive the progressive enfolding of these riches, we must hunger for more of Christ.

- Those who are not hungry for more of God will never see all that belongs to them.
- Complacency is the killer, slayer, poison of nominal Christianity.
- Hunger is normal in healthy Christians at all stages of maturity.

IPeter 1:13- “Wherefore having girded up the loins of your mind, being sober, hope perfectly upon the grace that is being brought to you in the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

- “Gird up the loins of your mind: = a metaphor meaning = “to prepare yourself for a difficult task.”
- “To be sober” = “To be free from the intoxicating worries of this life.”
- To set your hope – confidence on the abundant grace of God that come s to us as Jesus is unveiled to us.
- This is a process of unfolding revelation.

The old timers of faith used to talk about “Head faith” as opposed to “heart faith.”

- It is possible to know Bible doctrines in our minds, yet not grasp/understand/appropriate them deeply enough for them to control our thinking and behavior.
- This is the problem with many “so called/professing” Christians of today.
- “They don’t walk their talk.”

There is a step process to having and living revelation from God:

1. The Holy Spirit must reveal truth to us for our lives to become fruitful.
 2. We must spend time quietly mediating on the Scriptures/Truth, allowing the Spirit to unveil the deeper meaning to us.
- One verse illuminated by the Holy Spirit, will do more for us than many scriptures committed to memory.
 - We should memorize scripture, but the inner work of the Spirit imparting grace to us is life changing and the key to our transformation.

Christ is Now Enthroned-

The book of Acts confirms that the early church preached Christ rose from the dead and was enthroned at the Father's right hand.

- They acknowledge He had died for their sins, yet this was not the emphasis of their preaching.
- Forgiveness was a side benefit of the fact that He had overcome and defeated all satanic powers.
- The gospel message is more than the forgiveness of sin!
- God has brought forth a New Creation and given fallen men His Righteousness.
- He has rendered inoperative him who had the power of death that is, the devil.
- We are delivered out of satan's authority and free from his oppression!
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Christ **NOW** has **all** authority in heaven and on earth!

- This leaves no room for satan and the demons.
- They seek to maintain their former authority, but they are “dethroned power who rule this world – ICor. 2:6- “We speak wisdom, however, among them that are full-grown; yet a wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to naught – nothing.”
- The Body of Christ is waking up to the fact that satan has been overthrown and it is our job **to enforce his defeat**.
- Jesus has all authority and had delegated it to us.
- As “**Joint Heirs**,” we are to go forth in His name and destroy the works of darkness, just as He did.
- John 14:12- “I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.”
- Rom. 8:16-17 “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”
 - Heir= “to receive by apportionment, a sharer by lot, a possessor.”
 - Joint Heir= “A co-heir, a participant in common – fellow, together with.”

John 20:21- “So Jesus said to them again, Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

Jesus is NOW King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

- We are His representatives – ambassadors; clothed with power from on High.
- But the traditions of man have robbed us of our high calling and allowed us to settle for the mess of traditional pottage as Esau settled for less and forfeited his inheritance.

Beholding His Death-

As mentioned earlier, we first see Christ's death on our behalf – He died for our sins: Rom. 4:25- “Who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.”

- This is the substitutionary aspect of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf.
- We are to greatly rejoice in what He did for us.

We See His Resurrection-

- We are glad to be forgiven, but we must recognize our need for victory over sin.
 - We begin to see that when Christ was raised for our Justification; we were raised too!
 - His resurrection was the defeat, not only of the guilt of sin, but of the power of sin.
- Rom. 6:11- “Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- “**Reckon**”- not just a Southern term of speech; but a significant meaning in understanding our reigning with Christ in Throne Life.
 - An **accounting term** meaning: “**To take inventory, estimate, conclude, suppose, think on.**”
 - Because of Christ's sacrifice as a substitute for our sins – **we are to Reckon, take an inventory, estimate, conclude and think on that we are dead to sin.**
 - And that being true, we are NOW alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord and sin has no more control over us – now or ever, as long as we abide in Christ and His power abides in us.

Paul, through the scriptures, challenges us to view and see ourselves as those who are dead to the seductive power of sin, because we are alive to God in Christ.

Scriptures challenges us to see what we may not yet be seeing about ourselves – that we are already dead to the power of sin.

We have been raised with Christ and sin's dominion over us is broken:

Rom. 6:14- “For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

Grace again is not just the unmerited favor of God; but the empowerment of God to overcome our weakness.

As we learn to appropriate [take off the shelf] God's abundant grace, we will see sin's domination melt and disintegrate.

- We are enabled to rise above the downward pull of sin.
- We learn to walk in the spirit and not fulfill the desires of the flesh.

- We begin to walk in the resurrection life bringing our flesh under control of the Spirit.
- We begin to find our identity in Christ – who God says we are:
Rom. 6:4- “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

We See His Enthroning-

As we identify with His resurrection, we begin to take hold of our sanctification – being set apart for His Glory and purpose.

- We are empowered to declare and decree that sin’s dominion is broken and we will no longer submit to its enticement.

Job 22:28- “You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways.”

- The resurrection power of Christ in us can also quicken our mortal bodies.
- Healing and health are a part of our inheritance.
- We stand up against all the attacks from this world and demand that it bow to the name of Jesus.
- His resurrection life is stronger than all forms of death and all forms of disease.

Ps. 103 - “He forgives all our iniquities and heals all our diseases.”

Eph. 1:20-

“This accords with the strength of His power at work in Christ, the power which He exercised in raising Him from the dead and enthroning Him at His right hand, in heaven, far above every principality, ruling force, power or sovereignty, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.”

- His resurrection was our resurrection
- His enthroning was our enthroning.
- When all evil forces were put under His feet, they were just as much put under our feet.
- As Christ’s joint heirs, we inherit all that He deserves – we reign with HIM.

Rom. 5:17- “For if by one man’s offense death reigned through the one [Adam], **much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift or righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**”

- King’s reign – we have been called to share in the reign of Christ.
- We are predestined to be conformed to the image of God’s Son.
- He is the firstborn of many brethren, many sons brought to glory.

Prayer:

“Father, I ask that You, by Your Holy Spirit within me,
would unveil to me the riches of Christ and enable me to walk in them.
Open the eyes of my understanding, flooding them with light,
so that I might see and understand all that Christ has purchased for me
and the Body of Christ.

Thank You that I am Your child, born of Your Spirit.

I have within me the Spirit of Son-ship and I long to do Your will.

It is my desire to be a Father-pleaser, like Son number One.

By Your grace I can walk in what You say is mine.

I am what You say I am.

I have what You say I have.

I can do what You say I can do.