



# The Quarry Gospel Church

BIBLE STUDY - 28.10.20

## BIBLE STUDY - JESUS CHRIST: 11.HIS EXALTATION

When Christ put on flesh He humbled Himself voluntarily. (*Phil.2:7-8*)

What equipped and strengthened Christ to keep going?.. His exaltation. (*1Peter 3:18,20-21*)

**God has exalted Christ:** *Matt.28:18-20; Acts 2:33; Romans 8:34.*

So Jesus fixed His eyes on the joy set before Him.

### 3 elements of His exaltation: His Resurrection; His Ascension: His enthronement.

Though these events, Christ has given us as believers citizenship in heaven and the promise that we will be like Him. (*Phil.3:20-21*)

John Flavel: '***O what a change is this! Here he sweated, but there he sits. Here he groaned, but there he triumphs. Here he lay upon the ground, there he sits in the throne of glory.***'

Resurrection)

Ascension ) These 3 events are dependent on each other and are equally important

Exaltation ) -none of these were done "alone", but " as the husband of His bride"

This study looks at 2 parts of this exaltation:

### 1. CHRIST'S ASCENSION

***Acts 1:1-10***

#### **A) Christ's 2 great acts of triumph (*Eph.4:7-13*):**

When Christ entered heaven He carried us with Him and:

**i) He took many captives** - publicly displayed victory over His enemies. (*Col.2:15*)

**ii) He gave gifts to His people** - He blessed the church in giving gifts. (*Eph.4:11*)

The gifts: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers.

He left these as His blessing to the church "*to build up the body of Christ*"

#### **B) The 'View from Heaven' of the Ascension (*Daniel 7:9-14*):**

vv.9-12 - a picture of the 2nd Coming

vv.13-14 - a picture of Jesus 'arriving' in heaven - the conquering hero returns to His palace.

Owen: '***No heart can conceive, nor can any tongue give testimony to the glorious reception of the human nature of Christ in heaven.***'

When Christ entered heaven, heaven attained a greater glory than it had had previously, even though it had been perfect before Jesus' return to heaven.

The angels were able to look at Him with open face - what they had longed for was fulfilled (*1 Peter 1:12*)

The Ascension - when Jesus disappeared from our view but came into His heavenly home.

## 2. CHRIST'S ENTHRONEMENT

- He immediately received the worship of the angels and the saints
- The Father bestowed on Him the highest glory:  
**Sitting down at the right hand of the Father** *Psalm 110:1; Romans 8:34*  
Sitting down - The Greek word implies an ongoing, lasting, continual state.  
Right hand of God - implies Power and Glory.

His enthronement speaks of:

- A)** His Power and Majesty - Christ is seated in glory as Prophet, Priest and King:
- B)** His grace and willingness to bless His people :  
*Psalm 45:1-17* - vv1-9 - talks of Christ's exaltation at the right hand of God  
vv10-17 - talks of our response to Christ's exaltation.
- C)** Christ sits on His throne as Prophet, Priest, and King:
- **Prophet** He sent His Spirit to guide us into all truth - the completed Scriptures are the result of His prophetic work.
  - **Priest** He is 'seated' because His work of atonement is finished, but He ever lives to intercede for us.
  - **King** He reigns until all His enemies are put under His feet.
- D)** The glory and reign of Christ filters down to us, the Church.  
*Eph.2:6; Col.3:1; Rev.3:21*

## FINAL THOUGHT

***Rev.3:21 - " To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne."***

As we face trouble and suffering we should look Christ's example and keep our eyes fixed on our future as Christians - our hearts fixed on the reality of the exaltation we will receive through Christ our Lord.

*(words for song on next page)*

## **I HEAR THE SOUND OF RUSTLING**

in the leaves of the trees,  
The Spirit of the Lord has come down on the earth.  
The church that seemed in slumber  
has now risen from its knees  
And dry bones are responding with the fruits of new birth.  
Oh, this is now a time for declaration,  
The word will go to all men everywhere,  
The church is here for healing of the nations,  
Behold the day of Jesus drawing near.

**My tongue will be the pen of a ready writer,  
And what the Father gives to me I'll sing,  
I only want to be His breath,  
I only want to glorify the King.**

And all around the world the body waits expectantly,  
The promise of the Father is now ready to fall.  
The watchmen on the tower all exhort us to prepare,  
And the church responds  
-a people who will answer the call.  
And this is not a phase which is passing,  
It's the start of an age that is to come;  
And where is the wise man and the scoffer?  
Before the face of Jesus they are dumb.

A body now prepared by God and ready for war,  
The prompting of the Spirit is our word of command.  
We rise, a mighty army, at the bidding of the Lord,  
The devils see and fear, for their time is at hand.  
And children of the Lord hear our commission,  
That we should love and serve our God as one.  
The Spirit won't be hindered by division,  
In the perfect work that Jesus has begun.