

## Lesson No. 13

# What Does the Bible Say About Our Savior in His Exaltation?

### 1. What do the Scriptures teach of Christ's descent into hell?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

**1 Peter 3:18,19.** (Christ was) put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and **preached to the spirits** in prison.

**Colossians 2:15.** Having disarmed principalities and powers, He **made a public spectacle of them**, triumphing over them in it.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

Christ, having been made alive in His grave, descended into hell, not to suffer, but to proclaim His victory over His enemies.

### 2. What do the Scriptures teach of Christ's resurrection?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

**Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-49; John 20 and 21; Acts 1:3; Acts 10:40, 41; 1 Corinthians 15:4-8.**

#### A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE RESURRECTION ACCOUNTS. (30 A.D.)

Early on Sunday morning, the third day after Christ's death, there is a great earthquake as the angel of the Lord comes down from heaven, rolls back the stone from the tomb, and sits upon it. The guards fall to the ground, and then flee. When the women who had followed Jesus come to anoint His body, the angel says to them, **“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”** (Matthew 28:5, 6.) Later on Easter Sunday and during the following forty days Christ Himself appears at least nine times to individuals and groups of disciples, thereby convincing them beyond a doubt that He is risen indeed.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

Christ on the third day after His death victoriously rose from the grave and during forty days showed Himself alive to His disciples.

### 3. Why is the resurrection of Christ of the utmost importance and comfort to us?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) **Romans 1:4.** (He was) **declared to be the Son of God with power** according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.
- (b) **John 2:19.** Destroy this temple, and **in three days I will raise it up.**
- (c) **1 Corinthians 15:17.** And if Christ is **not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!**
- \*(c) **Romans 4:25.** (Christ) was delivered up because of our offenses, and was **raised because of our justification.**
- \*(d) **John 14:19.** Because I live, you **will live also.**
- \*(d) **John 11:25,26.** Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. **He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.**

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

Christ's resurrection definitely proves

- (A) That Christ is the Son of God;

- (B) That His doctrine is the truth;
- (C) That God the Father has accepted the sacrifice of His Son for the reconciliation of the world;
- (D) That all believers shall rise unto eternal life.

#### 4. What else did Christ do during the forty days after His resurrection besides showing Himself alive?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a b c) **Acts 1:3,4,5,8.** He also presented Himself alive (to the apostles) after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.** And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, which, He said, you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but **you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now... But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
- (c) **Matthew 28:18-20.** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
- \*(c) **Mark 16:15.** And He said to them, Go into all the world and **preach the gospel** to every creature.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

- (A) Christ instructed His disciples in the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.
- (B) He promised to send them His Holy Spirit.
- (C) He commissioned them to make Christians of all nations by baptizing and preaching.

#### 5. What do the Scriptures teach of Christ's ascension into heaven?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- Luke 24:50,51.** And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that **He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.**
- Acts 1:9-11.** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, **He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.
- Ephesians 4:10.** He who descended is also the One who **ascended far above all the heavens.**
- John 17:24.** Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me **may be with Me where I am,** that they may behold My glory .
- John 14:3.** I will come again and receive you to Myself; that **where I am, there you may be also.**

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

Christ, according to His human nature, visibly ascended to heaven and entered into the glory of His Father, as our Forerunner. (Heb. 6:20.)

#### 6. What do the Scriptures teach of Christ's sitting on the right hand of God the Father?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a d) ***Ephesians 1:20-23.*** (God) seated Him (Christ) at His **right hand** in the heavenly places, far **above all principality and power and might and dominion**, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put **all things under His feet**, and gave Him to be **head over all things** to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him **who fills all in all**.
- (a b) ***Ephesians 4:10-12.*** He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might **fill all things**. And **He Himself gave** some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some **pastors and teachers**, for the equipping of the **saints for the work of ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ.
- (c) ***1 John 2:1.*** And if anyone sins, **we have an Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- (c) ***Romans 8:34.*** (Christ) is even at the right hand of God, who also **makes intercession** for us.
- (d) ***Matthew 22:44.*** The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, till I **make Your enemies Your footstool**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

The exalted Christ, also according to His human nature,

- (A) Rules and fills all things with divine power and majesty;
- (B) Sends men to preach the Gospel of redemption;
- (C) Intercedes (pleads) for us before God;
- (D) Governs and protects His Church, and as the Head of the Church rules the world in the interest of the Church.

## 7. What is the purpose of Christ's entire work of redemption ?

THE BIBLE SAYS--

- (a) ***Revelation 5:9.*** And they sang a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have **redeemed us to God** by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
- \* (b) ***2 Corinthians 5:15.*** And He died for all, that those who live should live **no longer for themselves**, but for Him who died for them and rose again.
- (b) ***Luke 1:74,75.*** To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might **serve Him** without fear, **in holiness and righteousness** before Him all the days of our life.
- (c) ***John 3:16.*** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but **have everlasting life**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN--

The purpose of Christ's entire work of redemption is

- (A) That we may be His own;
- (B) That we may serve Him in holiness and righteousness all our days;
- (C) That we may have eternal life in heaven.

***Before the Next Lesson***

**FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 13.**

**MEMORIZE the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (\*).**



**READ Luke, chapters 15-21.**

**Work Sheet No. 13**

**1.**

*(Check whether true or false.)*

- (A) Jesus descended into hell to suffer. True.  False.
- (B) Christ rose from the dead by His own power. True.  False.
- (C) God raised Christ from the dead. True.  False.
- (D) The resurrection of Christ proves that we are redeemed. True.  False.
- (E) Christ is invisibly present at all places, also according to His human nature. True.  False.

**2.**

Read the Bible references given under Question 2 and list as many appearances of the risen Savior as you are able to find.

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**4.**

Why need we not, even in the most troublesome times, fear for the security and welfare of the Christian Church?.....  
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**5.**

*(Fill in the missing words.)*

Since Jesus saved me I belong to \_\_\_\_\_, that I may \_\_\_\_\_ here on earth and finally be with Him in \_\_\_\_\_.