

Series: Understanding the Body of Christ

Tonight's Lesson: "The Importance of Christ's Exaltation"

Introduction

- The body of Christ is not given earthly promises, but _____. We are said to possess all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3
- All of these blessings rest upon the truth of Christ's exaltation in the heavenly places.
 - _____ - refers to Christ ascending into the heavenlies in His resurrection body.
 - _____ - refers to the act of the Father by which He gave to the risen and ascended Christ the position of honor and power at His own right hand. Philippians 2:9-11; Ephesians 1:20-23
- It is on the basis of Christ's exaltation that the body of Christ can receive spiritual blessings.

Because He has been exalted, we can have _____ of sins.

1. After Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice for sins, He was exalted to the right hand of the Father and _____ down. Hebrews 10:12, 1:3, 12:2; Ephesians 1:20
2. Because Christ's sacrifice for sin fully _____ the Father, forgiveness of sin can now be offered to mankind. Acts 5:31, 13:37-39; Ephesians 1:20-2:1

Because He has been exalted, we can now receive God's indwelling Holy Spirit.

1. After Christ was exalted in heaven, He sent His Holy Spirit in Acts 2. Acts 2:33
2. Later, it was revealed through Paul that the moment a person believes on Christ, God's Spirit immediately _____ that individual. Ephesians 1:12-13, 4:30
3. Because Christ is exalted, God has shed forth the Holy Spirit _____ to those who believe on Christ. Titus 3:5-6

Because He has been exalted, we now have an _____ to God the Father.

1. What is Christ currently doing right now at the right hand of the Father?
 - *“Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.” Romans 8:34*
2. He is making _____ for members of the body of Christ.
 - Our Intercessor has _____. Ephesians 1:20-23
 - Our Intercessor has _____. Hebrews 2:17-18, 4:14-16

In Conclusion

1. After He rose from the dead, Christ was exalted in heavenly places. Because we are in Christ, we too have been raised up and _____ in heavenly places. Ephesians 2:6
2. Because we are members of Christ's body, we now possess all spiritual blessings in heavenly places. They are ours forever. How do we know this? Look at Ephesians 1:3. What are the last two words? _____!