

Lesson 8

God the Son : His Present Ministry

I. Introduction

Is present ministry among us. After the crucifixion, the resurrection and ascension, the Lord's work did not cease. He is directing His own from His place in glory.

His work was not finished and His great movement proceeds on and on until The end of the age.

The only thing Jesus finished in His earthly life was the plan of salvation. When He ascended back into glory He was the same Jesus who was "made flesh and dwelt among us." He paid the penalty for sin and His life in the flesh had been completed.

Now, His ministry continues through His body—all who believe in Him as Lord Savior.

II. Basic Scripture:

Matthew 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42-43; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34
Ephesians 1:20; Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3-13; 7:22-28
8:1; 10:12-14; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22.

III. The Nucleus Of This Truth

Jesus died to "save His people from sin." He died to provide the sacrifice necessary for us to be forgiven of sin. He died to provide a way of salvation—a way to approach God through the blood of Christ. He died (past) to make us clean: He lives (present) to keep us clean. The marvelous ministry of our Lord never ceases. He lives in glory to act for us and to act on us and to act in us by His Word and Spirit. He speaks to God for us and He speaks to us for God . He is "the one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2: 5).

IV. The Great Truth : "God The Son: His Present Ministry"

A. The EXALTATION Of Christ

1. The Restoration of His Glory,

a. The glory Jesus possessed "before the world was" is restored to Him . Write in John 17:5 _____

b. Underline John 17:1 _____

2. The Exhalation of Christ by God, The Father.

a. After Christ came to earth, humbling Himself, as Paul describes In Philippians 2:5-8, there follows the exaltation of Jesus in verses 9 -11. Notice the seven steps upward:

- * wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him,
- * and given Him a name which is above every name:
- * at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
- * of things in heaven,
- * and things in earth:
- * and things under the earth:
- * and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

3. Jesus is Seated At The Right Hand Of God.

a. All power is given Him in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18)

b. The right hand of God implies "authority and power." Jesus had finished His work of redemption and His proper place was the right hand of God.

Write in Stephen's account in Acts 7:55-56: _____

Write in Romans 8:34: _____

c. In His place of authority, Jesus has power over angels, authorities and powers (1 Peter 3:22).

d. the place and position of our Lord was resumed after He ascended back Into heaven. He had tasted humanity and had been touched with the feeling of our infirmities. "He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15).