

Topical | 49 | All Things Under Christ | I Cor. 15:20-28

I. Intro/Review:

- Where is Christ? What is He doing? Why hasn't He come back yet? What will He do?
 - The answers to these questions contain some of the depth of understanding considering our "hope".
 - If we know where Christ is, what He is doing and why He hasn't come back, and His plans we gain the godly understanding of His working, His plans, His purpose.
 - Our eternal inheritance hinges upon what God has done in Christ and what Christ will do.
 - Therefore, our peace, joy, comfort, and strength, as well as, patience come from our increased faith in our hope which is built with an increased understanding of the answers to these questions.
- Therefore, I want to examine the scriptures (specifically the apostles and prophets writings after the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ) to answer the questions.
 - We will answer the questions under four categories:

II. Preview:

1. **By Man Came the Resurrection**
2. **He Must Reign Far Above All (where is Christ?, what is He doing?)**
3. **Till All Enemies Made His Footstool**
4. **God All in All**

III. Sermon:

- The counsel and will of God
- The commandment of the Father to the Son
- The Father-Son relationship (Davidic Covenant)

1. **By Man Came the Resurrection (v20-25)**

1) By Man Death & Resurrection (v21-22)

1. For since by man came death

- Romans 5:12b - "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;"

2. By man came also the resurrection of the dead

- Jn. 11:25 - "...I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:"
 - Jn. 10:17 - "Therefore doth my Father love, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."

2) In Adam & In Christ

1. In Adam all die

- Romans 5:12b - "and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"
- Romans 5:14 - "...who is the figure of Him that was to come"

2. In Christ shall all be made alive"

- Romans 5:16-17 - "...but the free gift is of many offences unto justification...much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)
- **Summary** - As all men die so will all men be resurrected. In Adam all die and those in Christ shall all be made alive.
 - Will there be those in Adam that will be resurrected? Yes!
 - Order of Resurrection (next)

3) Order of Resurrections

1. Christ the firstfruits (of them that slept) (v23)

- He is the one man by which resurrection comes and for those in Him He shall make alive.

2. Christ's at His coming (v23)

- 1) The start of His coming (mystery)
- 2) The end of His coming (prophecy point-of-view)

- Jn. 6:39(40, 44, 54) - "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day."
- Will include those that had "slept" (1 Cor. 15:20; Dan. 12:1-2, 13)
 - Those alive when He comes back
- His day! The end of the night, the beginning of the day (the end of His day)

3. Then Cometh the End (v24)

1. When He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father
 2. When He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.
- **What takes place from His resurrection to His coming to the end?**
 - 1 Cor. 15:25 - "For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under

His feet."

1. Why "must" He reign? - the counsel of God, what is given to Him, the Father's will

- He may not be working what you want Him to work, but then again what is your will to His?
- **He knows best, He is currently working what is above all you could ask or think - our expectation is too small, it has an view an eternal present which present is glorified only in view of death and it's that death that Christ has defeated and will finally once destroy!**

2. His reign consists of dealing with all of His enemies which ought to be your enemies.

- So again, what takes place from His resurrection to His coming to the end?
 - First, what happened after His resurrection?

2. He Must Reign Far Above All (where is Christ?, what is He doing?)

- 1 Corinthians 15:25a - "For He must reign"

1) Ascension after Resurrection

1. Exalted in Heaven

- Php. 2:9-11 - "...highly exalted Him" - How high?
- Acts 2:33-35 - "For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, "The LORD said unto my Lord, "Sit thou on my right hand,"""
- Eph. 4:10 - "He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.)"
- Heb. 4:14 - "See then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."
- Heb. 7:26 - "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;"

1) Right Hand

- {Matthew 22:44} The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?
- {Matthew 26:64} Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
- {Acts 2:25} For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord

always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

- {Acts 2:33-35} Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thy foes thy footstool."
 - {Acts 5:31} Him hath God exalted with his right hand [to be] a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.
 - {Acts 7:55} But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,
 - {Acts 7:56} And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.
 - {Romans 8:34} 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.
 - {Ephesians 1:20} Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places],
 - {Colossians 3:1} If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
 - {Hebrews 1:3} Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
 - {Hebrews 1:13} But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?
 - {Hebrews 8:1} Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;"
 - {1 Peter 3:22} Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.
- 2) All Put Under Christ
- 1 Cor. 15:27-28 -
"For He {Father} hath put all things under His {Son's} feet. But when He {Father} saith,

"All things are put under Him,"

it is manifest that He {Father} is excepted, which {Father} did put all things under Him {Son}. And when all things shall be subdued unto Him {Father}, then shall the Son also Himself be subject to Him {Father} that put all things under Him {Son}, that God may be all in all."

- Heb. 2:6-8
- **Adam** - Ps. 8:6 - "Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: (Ps. 8:4-5)
- **Christ** - Ps. 110 - "right hand"

2. Far Above All

1) All Principalities and Powers

- Eph. 1:19-23

2) The Working Whereby He is Able Even to Subdue All Things unto Himself

- Resurrection, Ascension far above all
- Php. 3:21 - "according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself."
 - Power to subdue things to Himself
 - New glorious body

2) He Must Reign (why He hasn't come back yet)

1. Salvation & Knowledge of the Truth
2. Building an Habitation of God through the Spirit
3. The Fulness of God

- Overcoming evil today through the Spirit - Rom. 12:21; Eph. 4

3. Till All Enemies Made His Footstool

1) Put Down All Rule, Authority, and Power

1. Enemies Made His Footstool

2. From Heaven to Earth to Under the Earth (Php. 2:9-11)

1. Enemies in heavenly places - Job 15:15; Rev. 12:7-10
2. Enemies on earth - Rev. 16:12-14, 16, 19; Rev. 17 (Mystery Babylon), 18:1ff, 19:1-6, 11-21, 20:1-4
3. Enemies under the earth - Rev. 20:5-15

3. The Last Enemy

1. Death - Rev. 20:13-14

2) Deliver Up the Kingdom to God (what will He do?)

1. Even the Father - Rev. 21:1-4, 22-23; 22:1, 3

IV. Conclusion:

4. God All in All

- 1) All Enemies Subdued, Destroyed
- 2) All Creatures of our God and King Subject
- 3) The Son Himself Subject to God, even the Father