

SESSION NINE “Sit At My Right Hand”

*“The Lord says to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’”
Psalm 110:1*

There is nothing more important for you to take hold of as you prepare to go back to your ministry assignment than to have an accurate view of the ascended Christ.

There is one Old Testament messianic promise that is repeated more often in the New Testament than any other. It is not about the birth of Christ, nor the death, nor the resurrection, nor his second coming.

The single Old Testament messianic promise of Christ quoted more frequently in the New Testament than any other is about the ascended Christ.

The ascended Christ is the Christ of today.

He is the Christ of the upper room.

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(Matthew 22:44, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:42, Acts 2:34, Hebrews 1:13)*

The ascension of Christ is the most overlooked essential doctrine of the Christian faith.

The New Testament refers to Christ as being “*at the right hand*” of God the Father twenty times.

All four Gospels refer to the ascension: *Matthew 22:44, Mark 12:35, Luke 24:51, John 20:17.*

1. It is the ascended Christ who validates his power and authority.

“And what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above the rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” Ephesians 1:19-23

2. It is the ascended Christ who guarantees his ongoing ministry.

“Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:25

3. It is the ascended Christ who distributes and activates his spiritual gifts in you.

“Therefore it says, ‘When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.’ ... And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:8...11

4. It is the ascended Christ who empowers you in the Holy Spirit.

“This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.” Acts 2:32-33

5. It is the ascended Christ who will return for his church.

“And said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’” Acts 1:11

ACTIVATION

It is the ascended Christ who oversees the second wave.

It is the ascended Christ who activates your calling, imparts your spiritual gifts, and clothes you with Holy Spirit power.