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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

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IS JESUS NOW REIGNING AS KING?

ACCORDING TO PROPHECY

Jesus was to reign as king when David's days were fulfilled (after his death) and while he slept with his fathers (while he was in the tomb, thus before the resurrection of men). (2 Sam. 7:12-14; Psa. 89:3-4; Heb. 1:5).

Jesus was to reign "upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom", (Isa. 9:6-7). (Note: In ruling over Israel Solomon is said to have sat on David's throne, on his own throne and on Jehovah's throne; David's throne was indeed Jehovah's throne. (1 Kings 1:46-48; 2:12; 1 Chron. 29:23.)

Jesus was to go on the clouds of heaven to "the ancient of days" (God) and receive dominion, glory and a kingdom. (Dan. 7:13-14).

Jesus was to sit and rule upon His throne and be a priest upon His throne. (Zech. 6:13).

ACCORDING TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

The angel of the Lord told Mary before the birth of Jesus that Jesus was to be given the throne of David his father and rule over the house of Jacob forever. (Lk. 1:32-33). Jesus is now sitting on the Father's throne. (Rev. 3:21).

When Jesus ascended on the clouds of heaven to the right hand of the Father He did indeed receive dominion, glory

and a kingdom. Jesus was placed far above all rule, authority, power, dominion and every name that is named; all things were put in subjection under His feet, and He was given to be head over all things to the church. (Acts 1:9; Eph. 1:20-23).

Peter in Acts 2:25-31 emphasized the fact that David was dead and yet in the tomb and stated that David, foreseeing the fulfillment of the promise God made to him (to set one of his seed upon his throne), spake of the resurrection of Christ and His sitting upon David's throne. Peter then, in Acts 2:34-36, stated that Christ was sitting at God's right and had been made both Lord and Christ.

Jesus is sitting now and is priest now (Acts 2:33-35; Heb. 4:14-15; 6:20) and if He were on earth, He could not be priest (Heb. 8:1-4); therefore, according to Zechariah 6:13, Jesus is now ruling and is on His throne now.

Jesus is sitting now at God's right hand, and is to sit until His enemies are made His footstool. (Acts 2:33-35). Jesus is to reign until His enemies are put under His feet. (1 Cor. 12:25). Therefore, Jesus is sitting AND ruling now. The last enemy to be abolished is death, and death shall be abolished at the resurrection. (1 Cor. 15:26).

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Editorial . . .

Some Facts About Jesus

There are many who have erroneous ideas about who Jesus was and is. They do not have the proper respect for Him because of their ignorance.

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD!

Although He was a good and wise Jew, He was much more than that. Neither was He merely a great philosopher. He was and is the "Anointed of God." With reference to Jesus, Lk. 2:11 says: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." God the Father acknowledged that Jesus is His Son at His baptism in Mt. 3 and at His transfiguration in Mt. 17. On both occasions He said: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Peter said to Jesus as recorded in Mt. 16:16: "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." The centurion who witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus said, "Truly this was the Son of God." (Mt. 27:54). Even demons that came out of many cried out and said to Jesus: "Thou art Christ the Son of God." (Lk. 4:41). John tells us in Jno. 20:30-31 that Jesus did many signs and wonders which are not recorded by him, but these that are recorded are the pro-

duce faith in Jesus as being the Son of God. The apostle Paul tells us in Rom. 1:3-4 at Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead.

JESUS WAS SINLESS!

He was not only good, kind and merciful, but He was sinless! He asked the Jews in Jno. 8:46: "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" The Hebrew writer says that Jesus "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." (Heb. 4:15). Peter says concerning Jesus: "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth." (1 Pet. 2:22).

JESUS DIED FOR US!

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8). We read in 1 Cor. 15:3 Paul's words: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." We learn further in Tit. 2:14 that He "gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD!

During His personal ministry on earth, Jesus prophesied of His death and resurrection. All four writers of the "gospels" tell of His resurrection. Peter proclaimed on Pentecost in Acts 2 that God raised up this Jesus. The resurrection proves His Sonship. He is alive forever more. (See Rev. 1:18).

JESUS IS THE SAVIOUR!

Concerning Mary the angel told Joseph: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for He shall save his people from their sins." (Mt. 1:21). Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He is the way, the truth and the life. (See Jno. 14:6).

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What Must I Do To Keep Saved?

The above question can only apply to one who is a Christian — one in a saved condition. It also implies the possibility of one being lost after having been saved from his sins. The Word of God clearly teaches that some will depart from the faith (1 Timothy 4:1). One cannot depart from that which he does not have. We are warned to take heed that we do not depart from God (Hebrews 3:12). There is something one must do to keep in a saved condition once he has obtained the forgiveness of sins.

If you are a faithful Christian — one who is living in hope of eternal life, you MUST:

1. HEED the warnings of God. (Hebrews 3:12; 1 Corinthians 10:12).
2. STUDY the word of God. (2 Timothy 2:15; Hosea 4:6).
3. ABSTAIN from fleshly lusts. (Titus 2:11-13; Galatians 5:19-24; James 1:27).
4. WORSHIP regularly. (John 4:24; Hebrews 10:25; Mathew 18:20).
5. GROW in Christ. (2 Peter 1:5-9; 3:18).
6. BE FAITHFUL to the end of life. (Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9).

If you are a member of the church who has just moved here, even for a short time, you should identify yourself with the church here. (Acts 9:26). We will welcome you with us.

—Arthur W. Atkinson in
“The Admonisher”

PROVERBS 5:15: “Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.”

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Is Jesus Now Reigning As King?

while He was on earth teaching would not taste of death until they saw the Son of man coming in his kingdom. (Matt. 16:28; Mk. 9:1; Lk. 9:27). Either some of those people are still living upon the earth and are about 2,000 years of age or Jesus has come in His kingdom.

—Bill Crews in
“The Gospel Messenger”

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SOME FACTS ABOUT JESUS

After His death and resurrection He said unto His apostles: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but He that believeth not shall be damned." (Mk. 16:15-16).

JESUS WILL COME AGAIN!

He said in Jno. 14:3: "And if I go and prepare a place for you I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." In Acts 1:11 the two men in white apparel said: ". . . this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." We learn from Paul's writings that He will come to receive the righteous unto Himself and to take vengeance upon the wicked. (See 1 Thess. 4:13-17; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).

Do you believe in Jesus? Have you obeyed His gospel. If not, why are you waiting?

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"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But Ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity: I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me." (Proverbs 1:24-28).

Sentence Sermons

About the time most people are "ready" to make the most of life, most of life is gone.

Nothing can be considered "truly great" if it has no eternal value.

"Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right."

You have no right to put a question mark where God has placed a period.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

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