Lesson Eighteen

THE PRESENT POSITION AND WORK OF CHRIST

1. THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST.
2. He ascended into heaven in the same literal, physical body in which He lived and died on earth. Luke 24:50-52. Mark 16:19. Acts 1:9, 10.
3. His ascension is the assurance of our own welcome into heaven. It demonstrates our own acceptance by the Father. Heb. 6:20; Eph. 1:6
4. THE PRESENT POSTION OF CHRIST.
5. He is exalted to the highest place. Phil. 2:9-10, 11.
6. He is seated on the throne of God. Rev. 3:21.
7. He is glorified. John 17:5, Heb. 2:9.

TYPE: Joseph raised from prison, made ruler of Egypt.

1. THE ASCENDED CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.
2. He sent the Holy Spirit in His stead. John 16:7.
3. He is the head of the church. Eph. 1:22-23.
4. He gives gifts to His church. Eph. 4:8-11.
5. He empowers His servants. Mark 16:19-20, Phil 4:13; Matt.28:18-20; Acts 1:8.
6. He directs His service. Acts 16:6-10.
7. He is present among His people. Matt. 18:20, John 14:23.
8. THE ASCENDED CHRIST IS OUR HIGH PRIEST.
9. As High Priest He offered an acceptable sacrifice. Heb. 7:26-27. Heb. 10:10-12.
10. As High Priest He entered the Holy of Holies. Heb. 10:12; Heb. 9:24.
11. As High Priest He intercedes for us. Heb. 7:25. Example: Luke 22:31-32.
12. THE RESULTS OF THE INTERCESSORY WORK OF CHRIST.
13. It makes the believer eternally secure.

Rom. 8:34 “Who condemneth … Christ intercedes.”

Heb. 7:25 “Save to the uttermost … ever liveth …”

Rom. 5:10 “We shall be saved … His life.”

1. It obtains pardon when we sin.

I John 2:1, 2. Basis of plea: “propitiation.”

I John 1:7-9. Basis of plea: “blood of Christ.” Condition: Our confession of sin.

1. It gives grace and help in time of need.

Heb. 4:14-16.

1. THE ASCENDED CHRIST WILL DESCEND.

Acts 1:11, 2:34-36, 3:20-21, John 14:3.