

THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

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Section A - The Fact of God.

1. **Evidence** for the existence of God. [See No 28]
2. **Who God is.**
“God is Spirit” *Jn 4:24* (NASB, NIV). God is the Free, Pure, Personal, Infinite, Intelligent, Unchanging Spirit, Wholly Good, that has created all things, sustains all things and who inherits all things. He is “Invisible.” *Col 1:15, 1Tim 1:17, Jn 1:18, Rom 1:20.*
3. **Self-revelation.** *Deut 29:29, Jn 1:18, Heb 1:2.* We only know what God has chosen to reveal of Himself to man through the pages of Scripture.
4. By “Personal” we mean rational, self-conscious, self-determining and an intelligent moral agent. God is “Infinite” Spirit, without bounds or limits to His Being or to any of His attributes.
This Infinitude is referred to, in terms of:
 - a. time as “eternity”
 - b. space as “omnipresence”
 - c. power as “omnipotence”
 - d. knowledge as “omniscience”
 - e. the universe as “transcendence” and “immanence”
5. **Attributes of God.**
 - A. Incommunicable attributes that have no carry over to human nature.
 - a. Eternity, *1Tim 1:17, Jer 10:10, Deut 33:27, Is 40:28.*
 - b. Unchanging, *Mal 3:6, Heb 13:8, Jam 1:17, Ps 102:27.*
 - c. Self-existence, *Is 40:12-17, Ac 17:24-28, Jn 5:26.*
 - d. Omnipotence, *Jer 32:17, Gen 17:1, Mk 10:27, Rev 19:6.*
 - e. Omniscience, *Is 40:28, Ps 147:4,5, Heb 4:13, Col 2:3, 1Jn 3:20.*
 - f. Omnipresence, *Is 66:1, Jer 23:23,24, Ac 17:28, Ps 139:7-12.*
 - g. Transcendence, *Is 66:1, Is 40:12-17, Is 57:15.*
 - h. Creativity, *Gen 1:1, Jn 1:1-3, Col 1:16, Neh 9:6, Heb 1:2, Ps 33:6-9.*
 - i. the Sustaining God, *Heb 1:3, Col 1:17.*
 - j. Infinitude, *Is 40:12,15, Ps 145:3.*

Note 1 - The Unchangeableness of God,

To be unchangeable in the justice of His character, God must change His attitude and action as man turns, repents and changes relative to God’s will, or someone intercedes in faith for his mercy. God is just and righteous. He punishes sin and the unrepentant sinner, but He has mercy on the one who repents and obeys His will, e.g. Jonah and the city of Nineveh.

By His unchangeableness (immutability), we mean that He is devoid of all change in His Being, perfections, purposes and promises.

Consider *Ex 32:1-35* - the “golden calf” episode, *Ps 106:19-27, Num 14:11-23*, (Note v20), *Jam 2:13, 2K 20:5*

5. **Note 2 – God’s Omniscience and His Foreknowledge.**

Is 46:10 “Declaring the end from the beginning.”

Ac 15:18 “Known to God from eternity are all His works.”

Is 44:7 “I appointed.....the things that are coming.”

Eph 1:4 “Chosen in Him before the foundation of the world.”

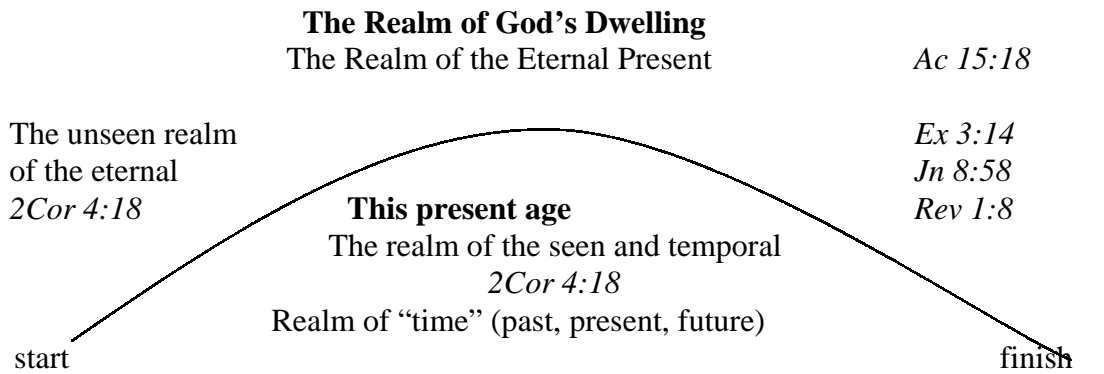
Rev 1:8 “I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.”

Is 7:14 “A virgin shall conceive and bear a Son.” Prophecy.

Rev 13:8, Is 48:5, Is 42:9.

God is not bound by the limitations of time as created existence is. He is without beginning or ending and dwells in the eternal present. He is the eternal “I am”

Ex 3:14, Jn 8:58, Jn 6:20. (See Amp. V.)



God is outside of time and is in the eternal present. Time is part of created existence that comes, is and then passes away. God is not living in the present and predicting the future. God sees the future in the now. He sees the end from the beginning.

Faith is living in the visible realm of change and time but believing also that it is “DONE NOW!” according to God’s Word and promise. (In God’s realm it is already done.)

This is how Jesus describes faith in *Mk 11:24*, also: *Jam 1:5,6, 2Pet 1:3,4, Josh 1:3, Gen 17:5, 1Pet 2:24, Rom 4:17.* (Note the use of the past tense.)

B. Communicable attributes of God have their place in man through faith in God’s Word, by the Holy Spirit, and are related to us through Christ.

- a. Justice, *Deut 32:4, Ps 89:14, Is 45:21, 1Jn 1:9, Ac 3:14, 1Pet 3:18.*
- b. Righteousness, *Deut 32:4, Jer 23:6, Ps 11:7, Ps 145:17, Rom 3:21.*
- c. Goodness, *Ps 107:1,2, Ps 34:8, Nah 1:7, Ex 34:6, Ps 100:5.*
- d. Love, *1Jn 4:8,9,10, 1Jn 3:1, Rom 5:8.*
- e. Mercy, *Ps 106:1, Ps 103:17, Ps 100:5, Eph 2:4.*
- f. Authority, *Mat 28:18, Is 9:6, Ps 103:19, Dan 4:25, Eph 1:22.*
- g. Power, *Jer 32:17, 1Chr 29:11, Ps 147:5, Mk 10:27.*
- h. Truth, *Jn 14:6, Ex 34:6, Jn 1:14,17, Deut 32:4.*
- i. Knowledge, *Pro 2:6, Col 2:3, Is 40:28.*
- j. Wisdom, *Pro 2:6, Col 2:3, 1Cor 1:30.*

These attributes are often related to the four gospels and the four living creatures of *Rev 4:7*. **Matthew’s Gospel** emphasises the Kingship of Christ, the Kingdom of God, and relates to the face of the lion, signifying authority and power. [For details read “What the Bible is all about” - H.C.Mears]

Mark’s Gospel emphasises the servanthood of Christ, relates to the face of the ox, and signifies goodness, love and mercy.

Luke's Gospel emphasises the humanity of Christ, relates to the face of the Man, and signifies truth, wisdom and knowledge.

John's Gospel emphasises the divinity of Christ, relates to the face of the eagle and signifies justice and righteousness.

Matthew especially relates to the Jewish nation.

Mark is written for the Romans.

Luke is especially significant for the Greeks.

John is written to all who believe, *Jn 20:31*.

Section B - God revealing Himself to man *Deut 29:29*

Although no man can see God and live, yet God has chosen to reveal Himself to man in various ways, *Jn 1:18, Ex 33:20-23*.

In the Old Testament the main way God revealed Himself was as the Angel of the Lord.

<i>Gen 16:7-14</i>	to	Hagar <i>21:17-19</i>
[<i>Gen 18:1,13-33</i>	to	Abraham]
<i>Gen 22:11-18</i>	to	Abraham
<i>Gen 31:11-13</i>	to	Jacob
[<i>Gen 32:24-30</i>	to	Jacob]
<i>Ex 3:2-6</i>	to	Moses
[<i>Josh 5:13-15</i>	to	Joshua]
<i>Jud 2:1-4</i>	to	the people of Israel
<i>Jud 6:12-24</i>	to	Gideon
<i>Jud 13:3-21</i>	to	Manoah and his wife

The Angel of the Lord is clearly a Divine Person or a Theophany, *1Cor 10:4*.

Other Old Testament references to God revealing His Presence to His people.

Abraham	<i>Gen 12:7, 14:18-20, (Heb 7:1-3), Gen 17:1.</i>
Isaac	<i>Gen 26:2</i>
Jacob	<i>Gen 28:11-16</i>
Israel's leaders	<i>Ex 24:9-11</i>
Moses	<i>Ex 33:20-23</i>
Isaiah	<i>Is 6:1,5</i>
Ezekiel	<i>Ezek 1:1-28</i>

In the New Testament the revelation of God to man is in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

<i>Mat 1:23</i>	call His Name Immanuel.... "God with us"
<i>Lk 2:11</i>	born to you this day a Saviour who is Christ the Lord
<i>Mat 16:16</i>	You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God
<i>Jn 1:1</i>	the Word was God
<i>Jn 1:18</i>	the only begotten Son He has declared Him
<i>Jn 14:9</i>	he who has seen Me has seen the Father
<i>Col 1:15</i>	He is the image of the invisible God <i>Col 2:9</i>
<i>Heb 1:3</i>	who is the express image of His person

Section C - Christ as the Second Person of the Trinity.

For details of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity see No 96 “List of sermon and Teaching Notes”.

For an outline on the Deity of Christ as a Member of the Godhead see No 94.

It is also important to have a copy of the Nicene Creed of 325AD see No 83.

It appears that three foldness in creation is fairly common.

In Man - spirit, soul, body, *1Thes 5:23*.

In the tabernacle - outer court, holy place, holy of holies, *Ex 25-40*.

In Feasts of Israel - Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles, *Lev 23*.

In the heavens - sun, moon, stars, *Gen 1:16*.

States of matter - solid, liquid, gas.

Stages of spiritual growth - little children, young men, fathers, *1Jn 2:12-14*.

Threefold anointing - *1Sam 16:13, 2Sam 2:4, 2Sam 5:3*.

Threefold consecration - ear, thumb, big toe, *Ex 29:20*.

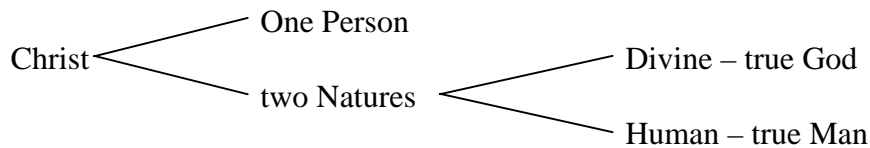
The three day period - *Mat 12:40, Jonah, Ex 19:11*, and many others.

Section D - The Incarnation of Christ.

Remaining God, He took Human nature, and so united it with His own Divine Nature, that He was one Person, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Is 7:14, Is 9:6. To Mary, *Lk 1:26-38, 46-56*, to Joseph, *Mat 1:18-23*.

The Council of Chalcedon in 451AD made the statement:



This was to combat

1. Nestorian heresy - Jesus was two persons in one body.
2. Eutychean heresy - Jesus had one person and one nature. (neither human nor divine - a mixture)

In becoming Man, the Second Person of the Trinity laid aside for a time His Divine Glory, *Phil 2:7*, but not His essential Divinity.

In the passage *Phil 2:5-11* we can identify 7 steps of humility taken by Christ in becoming Man, and 7 steps of exaltation after His Death on the Cross.

The Eternal Humanity of the Son.

1Tim 2:5 - The heavenly Mediator between God and man is the Man Christ Jesus.

Lk 24:39 - In His resurrection Body He said, “Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

As the Son of Man, He experienced the limitations and trials of our humanity.

Mk 1:35 - He rose early to pray and seek God’s face.

Mat 8:20 - He knew what it was like to have nowhere He could call home.

<i>Jn 11:35</i>	He wept in sorrow, and in times of great need, <i>Heb 5:7</i> .
<i>Mat 11:19</i>	As a man He came eating and drinking.
<i>Jn 4:6</i>	He became weary.
<i>Jn 4:7</i>	He felt thirst, <i>Jn 19:28</i> .
<i>Mat 21:18</i>	He experienced hunger.
<i>Mat 8:24</i>	He slept when He was tired.
<i>Lk 22:44</i>	He had times of agony.
<i>Lk 2:52</i>	He grew in wisdom.
<i>Mk 13:32</i>	He did not know the day of His Second Coming.
<i>Heb 4:15</i>	He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin.
<i>Jn 3:34</i>	However He fully spoke the Word of God, <i>Jn 8:28,12:49,14:10</i> .
<i>Ac 10:38</i>	His source of power was the anointing.

Section E Christ's Death on the Cross.

Readings: *Mat 27:22-50, Mk 15:22-39, Lk 23:32-47, Jn 19:16-37*.

Christ's Death foretold: *Gen 3:15, Ps 22:16-18, Is 53:4-12.*

Mat 16:21, Mat 17:22,23, Mat 20:18,19, Mat 26:31(Zech 13:7).

Events Leading to Christ's Crucifixion.

Final instructions to the 11 apostles, *Jn 13:31- 17:26*.

Prayer in Gethsemane, *Mat 26:36-46*.

The arrest, *Mat 26:47-56*.

Jesus taken to Annas, *Jn 18:13-24*.

Jewish trial by Caiaphas, *Mat 26:57-68*.

Roman trial by Pilate, *Mat 27:1,2,11-32*.

[Sent to Herod, *Lk 23:7-11*]

The Roman Crucifixion, *Mat 27:32-51*.

Time Period of Crucifixion, *Mk 15:25, 33-38*.

The Words of Jesus from the Cross.

Lk 23:34

Lk 23:43

Jn 19:26,27

Mat 27:46

Lk 23:46

Jn 19:28

Jn 19:30

“IT IS FINISHED!” *Jn 19:30*.

The full work of **REDEMPTION** has been completed, and full reconciliation of man to God has been provided for.

Heb 9:12 - Eternal redemption, by the Blood of Christ, through His entry into the Holiest.

Col 1:14, Eph 1:7 - In Christ we have redemption through His Blood ...

1Pet 1:18,19 - redeemed with the precious Blood of Christ.

Redemption from the authority of darkness, *Col 1:13,14, Ac 26:18*.

Redemption from the curse of the law, *Gal 3:13, Gal 4:5(Deut 28)*.

Redemption from the guilt of sin, *Eph 1:7, Col 1:14, Rom 3:24*.

Redemption from lawlessness and sinful behaviour so that we might be a purified people zealous for good works, *Tit 2:14*.

Redemption from aimless conduct received by tradition from the fathers, *1Pet 1:18*.

Redemption into eternal fellowship with God, *Rev 5:9, Rev 14:3,4*.

Redemption at the Second Coming of Christ, *Lk 21:28*.

God's work of deliverance of His people from their slavery, bondage, and destruction in Egypt, under the power of Pharaoh, is described as "REDEMPTION," *Ex 15:13, Ex 6:6, Deut 7:8*.

The word "REDEMPTION" means to "buy back" something or to deliver from some evil by payment of a price. Jesus taught that "whosoever commits sin, is the slave of sin!" *Jn 8:34*. The Cross of Christ is the redemption price paid to release the slaves and to let the condemned go free.

In the Old Testament the Lord is frequently referred to as the Redeemer of Israel, His people. *Is 43:1,14, Is 44:6,24, Is 47:4, Is 48:17*.

Ps 107 is a Psalm of Redemption.

Ruth, chapters 3&4 are a beautiful picture of Redemption.

On the Cross of Calvary, the perfect, sinless Son of God took upon Himself, the sin of the whole world, the curse of sin, the righteous judgment of God upon sin, in our place and on our behalf. *2Cor 5:21,14, 1Cor 15:3, 1Pet 2:24, 1Pet 3:18, Is 53:6, Gal 3:13, 1Jn 2:2*.

During the Crucifixion, from the 6th-9th hour, the sun was darkened as Divine fellowship with the Father was broken because of sin, *1Pet 2:24*. At the 9th hour, (3pm) He cried, "It is finished!", having completed the full work of redemption. At this point, His fellowship with the Father was restored, the veil was rent and the sun shone again. The Way into the Holiest Presence of God was now provided. *Lk 23:46, Jn 13:1,3, Jn 16:5,16, Jn 14:28, Jn 17:11,13, Heb 10:19-22*.

After the Crucifixion Christ's Body was laid in the tomb, *Mat 27:57-60*.

The Scriptures also say that Christ descended into the lower parts of the earth, *Mat 12:40*, for three days and three nights, *Eph 4:8-10, Ps 16:10, Ac 2:27,31*.

Hades in the Old Testament dispensation consisted of two sections, *Lk 16:19-31*. In His descent into Hades, Christ released the Old Testament saints from the Hades of the righteous, "Abraham's bosom," and took them with Him in His resurrection and ascension into the heaven of God.

2Cor 5:8, Phil 1:23, Mat 27:52,53. (See the chart in No 29.)

He "took the keys of hell and death," *Rev 1:18*, and declared His total authority over the realms of darkness. *Phil 2:9,10, Heb 2:14,15, 1Jn 3:8, Col 2:15*.

1Pet 4:6 tells us that in His descent into Hades, Christ preached the good news of His redemptive work to the Old Testament saints, released them from "Abraham's bosom," and took them to the Heaven of God's presence.

1Pet 3:19 says Christ went and made proclamation of His total Lordship over the realms of darkness, in the Hades of the damned.

It is helpful to consider the “**Exchange at the Cross.**”

On the Cross, Jesus Christ took the evil that was due to man as a result of the Fall, and in exchange makes available to man the good that is His eternally by right as the Son of God, *Rom 8:32*.

He took our:

sin
 sinfulness
 condemnation
 bondage
 blindness
 sickness
 weakness
 futility
 curse
 poverty
 death
 rejection
 old man
 punishment

and gave us His:

forgiveness
 righteousness and holiness
 justification
 liberty
 sight
 healing and health
 strength
 purposefulness
 blessing
 provision
 eternal life
 acceptance
 new man
 reconciliation

The Benefits of the Blood of Christ (see No 54)

Significance of the Veil being torn in two, *Mat 27:51*

1. The dispensation of the “Law and the Prophets” came to an end and the time of grace, mercy and peace began. *Mat 11:13, Lk 16:16, Rom 10:3-5, Eph 2:15,16, Col 2:14, Gal 3:23-25, Gal 5:1, Rom 3:21,22, Mat 26:28, Heb 8:10-12, Jer 31:31-34, 1Cor 9:21, Gal 6:2, Mat 5:22,28,32,34,39,44, Jn 13:34,35.*
2. The old temple ceased to be God’s House and the new temple of the Body of Christ was established. *Mat 24:1,2, 1Cor 6:19, Eph 2:19-22, Heb 10:19,20, 1Tim 3:15.*
3. The priesthood changed from the Levitical priesthood to the priesthood of Melchizedek. *Heb 7:11-18, 8:1, 6:20, Rev 1:6, 1Pet 2:5,9.*
4. The old blood sacrifices ceased and new spiritual sacrifices commenced, *Heb 10:1-10, Rom 12:1, Heb 13:15.*

Section F - The resurrection of Christ.

Readings: *Mat 28:1-10,16-20, Lk 24:1-49, 1Cor 15:1-26,35-58, Jn 20:1-31.*

The Resurrection of Christ was the Rising up of Christ from the dead after three days. It was by His own power and will, *Jn 10:18, 2:19*, and by the power and will of the Father, *Ac 2:24,32,3:26, 5:30, Heb 13:20, 1Cor 6:14, Eph 1:20, Rom 6:4, Gal 1:1, 1Pet 1:3, Rom 8:11, Ac 13:30.*

The Resurrection Body of Christ is a transformed Body, glorious, incorruptible, powerful and perfectly suited to the realm of the Spirit of God, *1Cor 15:42-44, Lk 24:36-43*. Note that Christ’s Resurrection Body is the same Body that was crucified on the Cross, but in the Resurrection it was gloriously transformed. The Resurrection Body is still a Body of flesh and bones, *Jn 20:27, Rev 5:6*,

Lk 24:39. The resurrection of Lazarus in *Jn 11*, after he had been dead for four days, was a reuniting of his soul and body. He was raised to the same life that he had previously experienced.

The Resurrection of Christ foretold and fulfilled.

Mat 16:21, 17:9,22,23, 20:18,19, 26:31,32, 27:63, 12:39,40.

Christ often spoke of His coming suffering, death and resurrection to His disciples. In *Deut 18:22* we read that if the words of a prophet do not come to pass, it is a sign that the Lord has not spoken those words. However the Lord Jesus spoke of His coming death and resurrection which came to pass just as He had spoken. The resurrection of Christ is the guarantee that the Word He spoke is from God.

The Resurrection of Christ is the SIGN to this generation, *Mat 12:38-42, Mat 16:1-4*. It is the “sign of the prophet Jonah”. As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth, *v40*. On the Day of Pentecost, in *Ac 2:23-37*, Peter preached powerfully about the Resurrection of Christ, as a sign that the One whom they had crucified, God has raised up to His right hand in the Throne of Heaven.

The Resurrection of Christ is the guarantee of:

- a. forgiveness of sins, *1Cor 15:17*.
- b. that every promise of God, and Word from God, is a true basis of sound faith, *1Cor 15:17*.
- c. the effectiveness of preaching God’s Word and the Gospel, *1Cor 15:14, Ac 4:10, Ac 2:32*.
- d. the truth that those who have died in Christ are alive and living in God’s presence, *1Cor 15:18*.
- e. Jesus being the Son of God with power, *Rom 1:4*.
- f. Christ being Lord of both the living and the dead, *Rom 14:9*.
- g. the truth that all who die in Christ shall be raised up to be with Him at His Coming, *1Cor 15:20-23, 1Thes 4:13-18*.
- h. that the promise made to the fathers has been fulfilled for us, their children by faith, *Ac 13:29-33*.
- i. the coming day of judgment, *Ac 17:31*.
- j. full salvation, *Rom 10:9*.

The Resurrection of Christ was the First Fruits of Resurrection and guarantees the end-time general resurrection of all believers. *Lev 23:10,11*, describes the part of the Passover referred to as “firstfruits” of the grain harvest. In *1Cor 15:20,23* Christ’s resurrection is described as the first-fruits of resurrection. A first-fruits company of Old Testament believers was resurrected physically together with Christ, *Mat 27:52,53*. Christ is described as the First Begotten from the dead in *Col 1:18, Rev 1:5*, (see also *Ac 13:33, Ps 2:7, Heb 1:4,5*).

The Resurrection was the “missing link” between the “two Messiah’s”. As the Old Testament saints studied the scriptures they saw that there were two coming Messiah’s. One was a suffering Messiah and the other was a victorious, ruling Messiah. (“Ben Joseph” and “Ben David”). E.g. *Is 52:13-53:12, Is 9:6,7*. The Resurrection was the link that made it possible for both Messiahs to be One and the same Person.

The “Last Adam” and the “Second Man” - *1Cor 15:45, 1Cor 15:47*. Christ brought to an end the old Adamic inheritance from the “Fall”, for all who believe in Him. Christ terminated all the evil, due to man as a result of the “Fall”, for all believers.

Secondly, as the Second Man, He is the Head of a new people called the sons of God *Gal 3:26, Gal 4:5-7, Rom 8:15, 1Jn 3:2*.

Resurrection Day Appearances of Christ.

- a. Christ's physical resurrection, *Mat 28:2-10*.
- b. Some Old Testament saints were physically resurrected and appeared to many, *Mat 27:51-53*.
- c. Christ appeared to Mary, *Mk 16:9, Jn 20:11-18*.
- d. Christ presented the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant on the Mercy Seat in the Holiest in Heaven, *Heb 9:11-14, 23-26*.
- e. Christ appears to the women, *Mat 28:9*.
- f. Appearance to Peter, *Lk 24:34*.
- g. Appears to Cleopas and (Luke) *Lk 24:31*.
- h. Appears to the 10 apostles, *Mk 16:14, Jn 20:19-23*.

Post Resurrection Appearances of Christ.

For forty days after His resurrection, Christ appeared at various times to His disciples, and taught them things about the Kingdom of God, *Ac 1:1-3*.

- a. The imparting of the Holy Spirit, *Jn 20:22(see Lk 10:20)*.
- b. Expounding in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself, *Lk 24:27*.
- c. To convince some who doubted, *Jn 20:27*.
- d. To recommission Peter after his denials, *Jn 21:15-17*.
- e. To give the Great Commission, *Mat 28:16-20*.
- f. To enable the transition from the concept of Christ as Ben Joseph to Ben David, the Conquering, Ruling King of Kings, *Mat 28:18*.
- g. To assist the disciples to progress from dependence upon an earthly Christ to dependence upon the Holy Spirit, *Ac 1:8, Lk 24:49*.
- h. To reveal to the disciples that the two realms of the temporal and the eternal, *2Cor 4:18*, are only separated by a thin veil and that the Lord is just through on the other side, *Lk 24:31, Jn 20:7*.

Section G - The Ascension of Christ.

After forty days of post resurrection ministry to His disciples, Christ ascended in His glorified, resurrected Body into the heaven of God's Throne, *Ac 1:9-11, Lk 24:51, Mk 16:19*.

In His incarnation Christ did not cease to be God, and in His return to heaven He did not cease to be man.

The Ascension foretold.

Ps 68:18 You have ascended on high led captivity captive.

Ps 110:1 The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My Right Hand..." *Heb 1:13*.

Jn 16:10,16,17,28 "I go to the Father" *Jn 14:12,28*.

Jn 6:62 ... see the Son of Man ascended where He was before.

Jn 17:11 speaking to the Father He says, "and I come to You".

Jn 7:33 and then I go to Him who sent Me.

Jn 20:17 He said to Mary, "I am ascending to My Father and your Father"

Ps 2:6, Zech 6:13, Is 32:1.

The Ascension of Christ taught:

1Pet 3:22 Jesus Christ who has gone into heaven ...

Ac 2:30 He would raise up Christ to sit on His Throne.

Ac 2:33 therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, v34.

Eph 4:8-12 the One who ascended far above the heavens ...

Heb 4:14 a Great High Priest who has passed through the heavens ...

Phil 2:9, 1Tim 3:16, Heb 9:24.

The Majestic, Glorified, Ascended Christ.

In His Ascension Christ received back the glory He laid aside in His incarnation, but now as True God and True Man.

Jn 17:1-5 Glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
Phil 2:9-11 Therefore God has highly exalted Him
Jn 7:39 The Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
Jn 12:23 The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.
Jn 13:31 Now the Son of Man is glorified
Lk 24:26 Ought not the Christ enter into His glory.
[*Mat 16:27* For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father..]
Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus crowned with glory and honour

The Risen Christ Enthroned with the Father.

Heb 1:3,8 He.... sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
Rev 3:21 and sat down with My Father on His Throne.
Eph 1:20 and raised Him and seated Him at His right hand
Heb 8:1 Who is seated at the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens.
Heb 10:12 But this Man sat down at the right hand of God.
Rev 5:6,7:17, 22:1, Heb 2:9, 1Tim 6:15, 1Tim 1:17.

Section H - The Continuing Ministry of Christ in the Throne of God,

The Ascended, Enthroned Christ has a continuing ministry as King, Priest, and Prophet.
Zech 6:13, Heb 7:1-3, Mat 2:6 + Mic 5:2, Lk 1:33.

Kingly Ministry of Christ.

Ps 2:6 The LORD has set His King on His Holy Hill of Zion.
Is 9:6,7 Of the increase of His government there will be no end....
Ps 45:6, Heb 1:8 Your throne, O God, is forever and forever, a sceptre....

Enthroned at the right hand of the Father, Christ rules over the whole of created existence.
1Cor 15:25-28, Eph 1:21,22, Mat 28:18, Phil 2:9, Heb 1:2,3,8, Col 2:10, 1Pet 3:22.

Christ's rule in the earth is in the lives of those who receive Him as Lord, and through them by faith and prayer over creation. *Lk 17:21, Rom 14:17, Ps 110:1,2, Lk 11:2, Rom 5:17, Heb 6:12-14, 2Cor 10:3-5.* Christ's rule and government in creation is also being maintained and extended by the angels of God, *Heb 1:14, Mat 4:11.*

[Satan's limited kingdom and rule in the earth is in the lives of those who do not receive Jesus Christ as Lord. He is also in authority over the fallen spirit beings in the realm of the "air".
Mat 12:26, Eph 2:2, 1Jn 5:19, Jn 14:30.]

Christ's kingdom and rule is of total authority over the kingdom of Satan, but so long as God gives freedom of choice to man to refuse the authority of Christ, Satan's kingdom in the earth will still continue to exist.

Priestly Ministry of Christ

As our great High Priest, Christ speaks on behalf of man to God, as Mediator and Advocate. *Heb 5:1, 1Tim 2:5,6, 1Jn 2:2, Heb 7:15-17, Heb 9:24, Heb 6:20, Ps 110:4.*

He has been “made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God,” *Heb 2:17,18, 4:14,15.*

Christ, our High Priest, **is seated** at the right hand of the Throne of the Majesty in the heavens, indicating that His role of offering sacrifices for sins has been fulfilled, *Heb 8:1,2, 10:10-14, 7:27.*

Our High Priest mediates the New Covenant that is established on better promises than the Old, *Heb 8:6, 8:10-12, 9:11-15, 12:24.*

Christ ever lives to make intercession for those who come to God through Him, *Heb 7:25, Rom 8:34, 1Jn 2:1.*

Prophetic Ministry of Christ.

In His prophetic ministry Christ speaks on behalf of God to man, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, *Jn 16:12-15, Ps 110:2.*

The ascended Christ also sends forth the Word and revelation of God through His Angel, *Rev 1:1,2.*

The Word that Christ speaks forth through the Holy Spirit or angels comes to individual believers, *Ac 9:10-16, Ps 68:11, Ac 1:8*, to the apostles, *Jn 16:12,13*, to the prophets, *Rev 1:1,2, Ac 21:10*, to the ascension gift ministries, *Eph 4:11*, etc.

The letters to the seven churches are messages from Christ in His heavenly prophetic ministry, *Rev 2,3, Rev 1:10,16.*

Section I - Christ as Judge of all men

God has ordained the Man, Christ Jesus to be the Judge of the World. (See No 29, page 9). *Ac 17:31, Jn 5:21-30, 1Cor 3:8-15, 2Cor 5:10, Rom 14:10, Rev 20:11-15, Mat 25:31-46.*

As well as eternal judgment Christ is also acting as Judge in history, *Rev 2:5.*