

Jesus Resurrection and Session

Grace Fellowship Church

Accession and Session

The Ascension is a doctrine of Christology pertaining to the transfer of our Lord's true humanity from planet earth to the third heaven in a resurrection body.

The Session is that doctrine of Christology pertaining to the glorification of our Lord's humanity at the right hand of the Father.

If Christ remained on earth, He would have a limited glory, but when He went to the third heaven, He became superior to all creation, and therefore had unlimited glory.

After the resurrection of our Lord's humanity, He remained on earth for forty days before His Ascension. For forty days, He demonstrated His resurrection body here on earth. This period of time showed the capabilities of the resurrection body.

The Ascension and Session of Christ are predicated on the capabilities of the resurrection body. It can eat food, talk, walk, and is recognizable. It can travel horizontally and vertically at unlimited speed, and is capable of unlimited space travel. Our Lord traveled horizontally during his forty days on planet earth, as well as moving through closed doors.

The Ascension of Christ demonstrates the vertical travel of the resurrection body, moving with ease through the atmosphere of the earth and the galaxies of stellar universe with its billions and billions of light years in an instant. It also can enter into the third heaven, the abode of God.

A light-year in astronomy is the distance traveled by light moving in a vacuum in the course of 1 year, at its velocity of 186,282 miles per second. A light year equals about $5.878 \times 10,000,000,000,000$ miles, or 63,240 astronomical units.

Upon arrival in the third heaven, our Lord was seated at the right hand of God the Father; this is the Doctrine of the Session. He then received His third royal patent as the title "King of kings, Lord of lords, the Bright Morning Star." Because His third royal warrant had no accompanying royal family, the Church Age was inserted for the calling out of a Royal Family.

That is why the doctrine of Ascension and Session is the missing link between the resurrection of Christ and the Christian way of life. Something new had to be created to accompany His new third royalty patent. The something new was the Royal family. Because Jesus Christ became the unique person in the entire universe combining spiritual with humanity, the new royal family also had to be a new spiritual creature a new spiritual species, as per **2 Cor 5:17**.

2 Cor 5:17, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*"

As a result, the dispensation of Israel was interrupted seven years short of its completion. Then the omnipotence of God the Father and God the Holy Spirit was made available to believers.

This began 10 days after our Lord's Ascension, fifty days after His Resurrection, on the day of Pentecost with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That was the first day of the Church Age, the beginning of the calling out the Royal Family for our Lord.

So, the chronology of events was: 1) Resurrection, 2) Forty days on the earth, 3) Ascension ten days before the Church Age began, and 4) His Session, seated at the right hand of the Father.

We know the number of days so exactly, because the resurrection occurred on the Feast of the First Fruits. The Feast of Pentecost would occur fifty days later. On day forty, our Lord ascended and said that the Baptism of the Spirit and the beginning of the Church Age would occur very soon (ten days later).

Both the Ascension and Session of Christ were accomplished in His resurrection body. Though co-equal and co-eternal with God, it was the true humanity of Christ that was seated at the right hand of the Father.

These two doctrines of ascension and session combine to form the climax of the strategic victory of Christ in the Angelic Conflict.

Acts 1:9-11 gives the historical account of the Ascension of our Lord.

Acts 1:9-11, "And after He had said these things [announcement of the Church Age, Acts 1:5, 8], He was lifted up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently up in the sky as He was going, behold two men [angels] dressed in white stood beside them. And they also said, `men of Galilee, why do you stand staring into the sky? This Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven will come in the same way as you have seen him go into heaven.'"

Significance of the Session:

After His Ascension, His Session fulfilled the prophecy of **Psa 110:1**.

Psa 110:1, "The Lord [God the Father] said to my Lord [God the Son], `Sit down at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.'"

Jesus Christ had to be seated to resolve the Angelic Conflict. His coronation was the culmination of the strategic victory. Remember that His Deity is sovereign and omnipresent [everywhere], imminent, and transcendent. In Deity, He already possessed and sat on the throne. Therefore, it was His humanity that was seated at the right hand of the Father.

The prophecy of His session stated in **Psa 110:1** is quoted several times in the New Testament, **Mat 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42-43; Acts 2:34-35; Heb 1:13; 10:12-13**. It is quoted so often because of its fact and importance.

The strategic victory of the great power experiment of the hypostatic union is the key to the importance of the Ascension and Session of Jesus Christ.

The Resurrection, Ascension, and Session all deal with the true humanity of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is undiminished Deity and true humanity in one person forever.

Just as only the humanity of Christ could provide our salvation by receiving the judgment for our sins in His own body, so only the humanity of Christ could be resurrected, ascend, and sit at the right hand of God the Father.

The humanity of Jesus Christ in hypostatic union is now exalted and glorified at the right hand of the Father where His posture is one of being seated.

Acts 2:33, "Therefore [*Jesus Christ*] having been exalted to the right hand of God."

Acts 5:31, "He is the One whom God has exalted at His right hand as Prince and Savior."

Phil 2:9, "Therefore also, God has highly exalted Him and given Him a title which is above every title, that at the title of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue should confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of the Father."

The strategic victory of Jesus Christ in the great power experiment of the hypostatic union is related to the award of His third royal patent.

His first royal patent is related to His Deity. His title is "Son of God." His Royal Family is God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. **Mat 3:17; 8:29, 27, 54; Mark 1:1; Luke 1:35; Luke 3:38; 22:70; 9:35; John 1:34, 49; 3:18; 20:31; Acts 8:37; 9:20; 2 Cor 1:19**

His second royal patent is related to His humanity. His title is "Son of David." His Royal Family is the Davidic dynasty. **Mat 1:1; 9:27; 21:9; Luke 18:39**

His third royal patent is related to His resurrection and ascension. His title is "King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright morning star." **1 Tim 6:15; Rev 17:14; 19:16; 22:16**

His royal family is in the process of being completed, made up of every Church Age believer. You are not simply a child of God; you are a royal child of God. **1 Peter 2:5, 9**

The Session and the Strategic Victory of the Angelic Conflict:

The Ascension and Session is not only related to the hypostatic union, but is also related to the Angelic Conflict. The fact that the Resurrection, Ascension, and Session is based on the strategic victory of our Lord in the Angelic Conflict is the subject of **Heb 1-2**.

Heb 1:3, "And He is the radiance of His [God the Father's] glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

As a conquering warrior, Jesus Christ took the throne at the right hand of the Father.

Heb 1:13, "But to which of the angels has He [God the Father] ever said, `Sit at My right hand until I appoint your enemies a footstool for Your feet?'"

God the Father invited the victor to receive the victor's throne. The Father never said this to any angel, but only to Jesus Christ in resurrected humanity.

This means that although we are now inferior to angels in our human bodies on earth, in the future in resurrection bodies, we will be totally superior to angels. This was established with our Lord's session.

1 Cor 6:3, "Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life?"

1 Pet 3:22, "Who [Jesus Christ] is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven after angels and authorities and powers had been subordinated to Him."

Principles:

With the resurrection of Jesus Christ, all angelic creatures, including fallen angels, are subordinated to Him in his humanity! That fact is very important!

In His Deity, Jesus Christ is the creator of angels. In His humanity, He was made lower than angels, **Heb 2:7**. But now in His resurrection, He is higher than angels in His humanity!

Some day in our resurrection body, we will share that same privilege experientially.

Being in union with Christ, we are already positionally higher than angels. But in resurrection bodies, we will be experientially and physically higher than angels.

Eph 1:22, "And He [God the Father] has subordinated all [angelic creatures] under His feet. Furthermore, He appointed Him [Jesus Christ] ruler over all things to the Church."

Principles:

When our Lord received His third royal patent, He did not have a Royal Family. Therefore, the Church Age was inserted into history.

The Church Age was a Mystery Age, because we have almost infinitely more than any Old Testament, Tribulational, or Millennial Saints. We have unique things which are unbelievably fantastic, which have never existed before and will never exist again after the Rapture of the Church.

Our Christocentric dispensation had to be instituted to provide a Royal Family for our Lord's third royal patent.

Furthermore, Israel had rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah and King. Consequently, the Messianic Kingdom is postponed until the Second Advent of Christ.

In the meantime, the great power experiment of the hypostatic union has been parlayed into the great power experiment of the Church Age.

During the Church Age, there are no Jewish client nations to God. The next Jewish client nation will not exist until the Second Advent of Christ.

We live in the times of the Gentiles, which means only a Gentile nation can be a client nation to God. At the present time, though staggering, the United States of America is a Gentile client nation to God.

During the Church Age, there are only Gentile client nations. The first was S.P.Q.R. It is an initialism from a Latin noun phrase, Senatus Populusque Romanus ["The Senate and the People of Rome"], referring to the government of the ancient Roman Republic.

So, the Ascension and Session of Jesus Christ form the link between the great power experiment of the hypostatic union and the great power experiment of the Church Age; thereby, joining in union the body of Christ to His Session.

The Session and the Efficacy of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross:

Heb 10:12, "But He [*Jesus Christ in contrast to the Old Testament sacrifices*], having offered one unique sacrifice as a substitute for our sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God."

The work of Jesus Christ on the cross is efficacious, which means it is perfectly effective for the payment of the penalty for our sins. When He received the imputation of our sins and God the Father judged them, that settled the sin question for all time.

To indicate the efficacy of His sacrifice, our Lord sat down at the right hand of God.

In physical death, our Lord's work was completed. Hence, just before His death He said, **"TETELESTAI"** which means, **"It is finished in the past with the result that it stands finished forever."**

So, the Resurrection, Ascension, and Session is the verification of the efficacy of our Lord's saving work on the cross.

Furthermore, this efficacious saving work occurred while our Lord was physically alive. He did not die for our sins in physical death; He died as a substitute for us in a substitutionary spiritual death; wherein, each and every sin of the human race was imputed to Christ and judged.

Therefore, Christ died twice on the cross.

1) He died a substitutionary spiritual death for the sins of the world, which provided our salvation.

2) He died a unique physical death in which there was the separation of His soul, spirit, and body.

Heb 9:19-28, "For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded you." ²¹And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood. ²²And according to the Law, *one may almost say*, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. ²³Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a *mere copy* of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; ²⁵nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment, ²⁸so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without *reference to sin*, to those who eagerly await Him."

The Session Related to the Importance of the Church Age: Eph 1:18-23.

Eph 1:18-23, "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the surpassing greatness of His power

toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

We begin with **Verse 18**:

Eph 1:18, “That the eyes of your right lobe may be *enlightened* [*post-salvation renewing of your mind through the Word of God*] so that you may know what is the **hope** [*confidence of hope 2 – blessings in time due to spiritual growth, and Hope 3 – Resurrection and blessings in eternity*] **of His calling** [*Divine call*], **what are the riches** [*your Portfolio of Invisible Assets*] **of his inheritance in the saints.”**

The first thing God ever did for us was to provide the means of glorifying Him. In eternity past, God the Father, [the grantor], deposited into escrow greater blessings for every believer [grantees].

When God is able to distribute those blessings onto you, as a result of executing His Plan for your life by advancing to spiritual maturity, that is the means of glorifying Him.

Then we see in **Verse 19**:

Eph 1:19, “and what is the surpassing greatness of His power to us who have **believed, ...”**

This is the maximum availability of Divine power to every Church Age believer, as a result of extending the power given to Jesus Christ in hypostatic union to the Church Age believer.

“...for the working of His superior power...”

This is the execution of the Predesigned Plan of God for your life, utilizing the power of God made available to every believer.

“...which He put into operation by means of Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in heavenly places.”

Part of the Mystery Doctrine of the Church Age is the fact that Divine power is available to us as never before in history, (i.e., the omnipotence of the Father, Son, and Spirit who indwell us).

This plan was put into operation when Jesus Christ was seated at the right hand of the Father in His Session after His Ascension.

The Predesigned Plan of God and the availability of Divine power are unique, reflected in the fact that it was put into operation after the Session of Jesus Christ.

God is perfect; therefore, His Plan is perfect. A perfect plan from perfect God excludes human power for its execution. A perfect plan from perfect God demands the use of Divine power or perfect power for its execution.

Therefore, there is no substitute for the utilization of Divine power in the execution of God's Plan for your life.

Divine power and human power are mutually exclusive. For the believer to utilize human dynamics and call it the Christian way of life is blasphemy.

To the extent that the Church Age believer relies on human power or gets involved in legalism, he has completely failed to fulfill God's purpose, plan, and objective for sustaining Him in this life.

The perfect Plan of God cannot accept or utilize any form of human power or human ability, or anything that we can do. Anything we do in our own power is not a part of the Christian life.

Only through cognition of Bible doctrine can Divine omnipotence be understood and utilized in the execution of God's plan. There is therefore no substitute for renewing your mind with the Word of God after salvation, **Rom 12:2; Eph 4:22-23**

Rom 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Eph 1:20, "which [*superior power*] he put into operation by means of Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in heavenly places."

This power is superior to every authority. In his Deity, Christ was always superior. However, this superiority refers to the humanity of Christ in a resurrection body, seated at the right hand of the Father.

So, the session becomes very important, because the power that raised Him from the dead is now delegated to us, the Royal Family.

In resurrection, the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit restored the human soul of our Lord to His body, and the omnipotence of God the Father restored His human spirit to His body. This Divine power that raised Christ from the dead is now available to you only because you are the body of Christ, Royal Family of God.

Divine power was utilized by Christ, then transferred and delegated to the Church Age believer as found in your Portfolio of Invisible Assets.

Primary Assets:

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Pre-designed Plan of God

Equal Privilege and Equal Opportunity

Unique Royal Commissions

Unique Mystery Doctrine of the Church Age

Indwelling of the Trinity

100% Availability of Divine Power.

Secondary Assets:

Positive volition toward Bible Doctrine

Production Assets = Residence in the Plan of God, (Fruit of the Spirit)

Suffering for Blessing

Invisible Impact Blessings

- Personal impact – blessing by association
- Historical impact – national blessing (Pivot)
- International impact – association with Client Nation to God
- Angelic Impact – Witness to the angles

Personal Asset:

Operating in your Spiritual Gift

Unique Asset:

Indwelling of the Trinity

This power is provided by the omnipotence of God the Father and is transferred and delegated to you by the omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit.

Eph 1:21, "far above *[superior to, there is nothing above this status] ...*

... all rule and authority and power and dominion *[every authority, both human power and authority as well as angelic power and authority],*

... and every name that is named *[superior to every title that can be named], ...*

... not only in this age [Church Age], but in the one [destined] to come [Millennium]."

The Session of Jesus Christ includes all authority, rank, and privilege during the Church Age and the Millennium and into eternity.

As part of the grace Plan of God, all Church Age believers share in Christ's authority, rank, and privilege.

Eph 1:22, "and He [God the Father] has subordinated all things [both angelic and human creatures] under His [Jesus Christ's] feet [Operation Footstool]; furthermore [God the Father] gave [has appointed] Him ruler over all things to the church."

This is called Operation Footstool, which has two phases:

- The first phase of Operation Footstool is the Resurrection, Ascension, and Session of Christ.
- The second phase is the Second Advent of Christ, **Rev 19**, which includes:
 - a) The Baptism of Fire to remove all unbelievers from the earth, both Jews and Gentiles, **Mat 3:11-12; 24:36-41; 25:31-35, 41, 46; Luke 3:16-17; 17:30-37; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Ezek 20:34-38; Isa 1:25-27; Mal 3:1-6; 4:1-2.**
 - b) Satan is then sentenced to 1,000 years of jail, **Rev 20:1-3.**
 - c) At the end of the Millennium, the suppression of the Gog and Magog revolution, sponsored and led by Satan having been just released from prison, **Rev 20:7-9.**
 - d) The execution of the prehistoric sentence of Satan and all fallen angels, **Rev 20:10.**
 - e) The second resurrection which is for unbelievers only and their judgment to the Eternal Lake of Fire at the Great White Throne Judgment of our Lord, **Rev 20:11-15.**

In summary, **Eph 1:18-22** tells us that there would be no royal family without the appointment of Christ as Prince-Ruler over the Church. This means He rules all Church Age believers today, winners and losers. Likewise, the Lord Jesus Christ is the Ruler of all creatures; angelic and human, no matter how rebellious.

The Session and the Royal Priesthood:

Heb 8:1, "Now the main point in what has been said [in chapter 7] is this: we have such a High Priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens."

Our Lord was not qualified by birth to be a Levitical priest in Israel. He was not born in the line of Aaron or the Levites. His priesthood, however, supersedes the priesthood of Israel, because He was both a King and a Priest.

Our Lord's priesthood is patterned after a Royal Priesthood "in the order of Melchizedek". Melchizedek was both a king and a priest, **Gen 14:18; Psa 110:4; Heb 5:6-10; 6:20; 7:1-17, 21-24.**

Gen 14:18, "And Melchizedek king of Salem [*peace*] brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High."

Psa 110:4-5, "The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁵The Lord is at Your right hand."

Our Lord was given the title as the King-Priest, as a result of His Resurrection, Ascension, and Session.

His third royal warrant makes Him Lord and King over all lords and kings, **Rev 19:16.** Therefore, our Lord's entire Royal Family, Church Age believers, are a part of that priesthood. One of the unique factors of the Church Age is the universal priesthood of the believer, **1 Peter 2:5, 9.**

Because you are in union with Christ, you are a king-priest. This means you can directly address God the Father in prayer through Jesus Christ, because He is the greatest High Priest in all of history. **Heb 4:14-16**

Heb 4:14-16, "Therefore since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

He is a Royal High Priest or King Priest.

Therefore, we pray to God the Father in the name of Christ, and in the effectiveness of the power of the Holy Spirit which is life inside God's power system. **Mat 6:9; with Eph 5:20; Col 3:17; with Acts 1:8; Rom 15:13; Eph 3:16; 2 Tim 1:7**

Jesus Christ is the High Priest; we are a kingdom of priests. As our High Priest, Jesus Christ makes intercession for us right now at the right hand of God the Father. **Rom 8:34; Heb 7:24-25; 1 John 2:1**

Rom 8:34, "Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us."

Heb 7:24-25, "But Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore He is able also to save forever those who

draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

1 John 2:1, “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

The Ascension and Session abrogates the Levitical Priesthood, replacing it with the Royal Priesthood, **1 Pet 2:9; Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:6.**

Rev 1:6, “And He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Jesus Christ is our High Priest, **Heb 10:1–23.**

Heb 8:1, “Now the main point in what has been said [*in chapter 7*] *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.”

The Session Demands a New Mental Attitude of the Royal Family:

Col 3:1–2, “Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ [*and you have, in Baptism of the Spirit and Current Positional Truth*], **keep seeking the things above [*escrow blessings*], where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”**

To **“possess the above things,”** your escrow blessings, requires the utilization of Divine power inside God’s power system. That means you must consistently perceive, metabolize, and apply Bible doctrine through the filling of God the Holy Spirit. To achieve this, you need to have the right priorities in life. The Word of God must be the A #1 / first priority in your life.

Making God’s Word / the mind of Christ a priority in your life leads you to grow in your relationship with God, which in turn leads you to express your love towards Him, giving you motivation to execute His Plan for your life. This motivation cycles back in your soul with the result of consistent / daily perception, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine and the renewing of your mind.

The fact that the humanity of Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father is indicative of the fact that He has made the most fantastic system of power available to you!

Objective thinking about the **“things above”** includes cognition of your Portfolio of your Invisible Assets, understanding the Predesigned Plan of God in detail, perception of the unique things related to the great power experiment of the Church Age, especially the Eleven Problem Solving Devices.

The Ten Unique Factors in the Church Age

- **The Baptism of the Spirit Created us a New Spiritual Species and Royal Family Forever:**

Prophecy: **John 14:20, 26; Acts 1:5** and fulfillment: **Acts 2:1-39. New Creatures – 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15**

1 Cor 12:13, "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

- **The Unique Predesigned Protocol Plan of God in a Unique Dispensation Called the Age of Grace: 1 Cor 1:25; 2 Tim 1:9; Eph 3:2**
Eph 3:2 – "Stewardship of God's Grace."

1 Cor 1:25, NLT – "This "foolish" plan [purpose] of God is far wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is far stronger than the greatest of human strength."

2 Tim 1:9, "Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose [plan] and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity."

- **The Unique Equality Factor Related to Election and Predestination of the Predesigned Protocol Plan of God (PPPG).**
Rom 10:12 "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him." Compare Gal 3:28; Col 3:11 w/ Rom 8:29-39; Eph 1:4-5.

1.) Election expresses the sovereignty of God for every Church Age believer. It provides equal privilege in our Royal Priesthood and equal opportunity in our logistical grace support. It's your privilege and support to live in His Plan

2.) Predestination is the provision of the sovereignty of God for each member of the Royal Family. It provides equal privilege in the Baptism of the Spirit, and equal opportunity inside God's Power System. It's your privilege and opportunity to function in His Plan.

- **Our Portfolio of Invisible Assets:**
"The Riches of His Glory" – Eph 1:3-6, 18; 3:16-18; Rom 9:23, which includes:

a.) **Primary Assets:** Escrow blessings and assets of Election and Predestination.

b.) **Secondary assets:** Volitional assets, production assets, the assets of undeserved suffering for blessing, and invisible impact [personal, national, international, and angelic] assets.

c.) **Personnel Assets:** Spiritual gifts.

d.) **Unique Assets:** The Indwell of the Holy Spirit.

- **The Unique Royal Commissions;** whereby, every believer is a Royal Priest, representing himself to God, and a Royal Ambassador, representing God to man. **1 Peter 2:9; Rev 1:6 and 2 Cor 5:20; Eph 6:20**
- **The Unique Mystery Doctrine of the Church Age** is now revealed in the epistles of the New Testament. **Eph 1:9-10; 3:1-11; Col 1:25-27; Rom 16:25-26**
- **The Unique Indwelling of All Three Persons of the Trinity.** **John 14:20-26; Rom 8:10-11**
- **The Unique Availability of Divine Power to Every Believer.** **Eph 1:19-20; 3:16, 20**

a.) The omnipotence of God the Father is related to our Portfolio of Invisible Assets. **Eph 3:14-21**

b.) The omnipotence of God the Son preserves and perpetuates human history. **Deut 33:26; Rom 13:1-7; 1 Tim 2:1-3; 1 Peter 2:13-14**

c.) The omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit is the power inside our very own palace, God's power system for you. **Acts 1:8; John 14:26; Rom 15:13; 1 Thes 1:5; 1 Cor 3:16-17; 2 Cor 6:16**

- **This is the Only Dispensation of No Prophecy, Only Historical Trends.**

The Church Age is the only dispensation where there is no prophecy during the course of the dispensation.

There are only two prophecies in the Church Age, which are its termini.

a.) The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, which began the Church Age, was prophesied by our Lord in **John 14:26** and in **Acts 1:5** just before He ascended.

b.) The Rapture of the Church is the next prophetic event.

Scriptural Documentation:

1 Cor 15:50-52, "Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."

Phil 3:11, "If by any means I might arrive with reference to the resurrection, the one from the dead."

1 John 3:2-3, "Beloved, now we are the children of God, and what we will be he has not yet revealed. However, we know that if He should appear, we shall be [exactly] like Him because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who keeps on

having this hope [hope 3] in Him purifies himself [inside God's power system] even as he is pure [ultimate sanctification in a resurrection body]."

Tit 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope [the hope of blessing, hope 3] and the appearing of the glory of our great God and savior, Jesus Christ."

1 Cor 6:14, "Now God has not only resurrected the Lord, but He will raise us up through His power."

1 Thes 4:13-18, "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. ¹⁵For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words."

1 Thes 5:9-10, "For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him."

2 Thes 2:1-9 explains the prophecy just after the Rapture occurs, where in **verse 3**, the phrase **"it will not come unless the apostasy comes first"** is a bad translation. In fact, "it will not come" is not in the original language and the word indicating the Rapture or resurrection of the church is badly translated. The word for **"Resurrection"** throughout scripture is **ANA-STASIS**, which is a compound word with the prefix **ANA**, which means, "up" or "upwards." In **Phil 3:11**, it is **EX-ANA-STASIS**, with two prefixes **EX** and **ANA** meaning, "From" or "out from" and "up" or "upwards," respectively.

The root word is **STASIS**, which means, "*a standing*;" by implication, "*an insurrection*;" figuratively, strife: dissension, insurrection, riot, or standing."

The word for **"apostasy"** in **2 Thes 2:3** is **APO-STASIA**, a late form of **APO-STASIS** meaning, "*a standing away from*," and so, "*a defection*," "*revolt*," as used by extra biblical Greek writers Herodotus and Thucydides. It also means, "*departure from*," as used by Euripides; and "*distance*," or "*interval*," as used by Plato. Therefore, apostasy is a bad translation here for **APO-STASIS** where **APO** is also a Greek preposition meaning, "away from." That is where we get the term "exit resurrection."

Rev 3:11, "I will be coming soon; seize [grasp, become the master of] what you have [Bible doctrine], so that no one may take away your crown."

This is why the Rapture is always called imminent, because there is no intervening prophecy to be fulfilled.

- **This is the Only Dispensation of Invisible Heroes. Eph 3:1-13; 4:11-16** emphasize the principle of the invisible hero.

Invisible God, plus invisible assets, plus invisible power, equals invisible heroes. This is related to the 3rd Spiritual Dimension of Height.

So, that concludes the Doctrine of the 10 Unique Factors of the Church Age, and we are challenged to apply the knowledge found in these principles to our every day lives.

As God has command us in **Col 3:1-3** to **"seek the things above,"** we must understand and utilize the power and strength He has for us by understanding the unique time, and unique assets, and unique power He has given to us His children, the Church Age believer, members of the Royal Family of Jesus Christ.

Col 3:1, "Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

The Session of Christ Related to the Rapture of the Church:

[See the Doctrine of the Rapture of the Church](#)

The Ascension and Session Related to the Authority of Christ:

It is an indication of Jesus Christ's authority.

Rom 8:34, "Who is the One who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died. Yes, rather, who has been raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us."

Jesus Christ has supreme authority over all human and angelic creatures.

His eternal authority is also seen in the fact that He created the universe and holds it together by the Word of His mouth. **Heb 1:1-3; Col 1:16-17; Psa 33:6-12**

Heb 1:1-3, "God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ²in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they."

Col 1:16-17, "For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven or in earth, visible or invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers, all things were created by Him and for Him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

Psa 33:6-12, "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host. ⁷He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses. ⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. ⁹For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. ¹⁰The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. ¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation. ¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance."

The Ascension and Session and Your Spiritual Self-Esteem:

Heb 12:2-3, "Let us fix our eyes [*concentrate*] on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him who has endured such opposition by sinners against himself, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart, [*faint in your souls*]."

Whenever we feel we can't take any more, this is too much for me, I just want to give up and quit, we are to look at Jesus and remember what He endured so that we would live.

Easter Resurrection Power

Isa 52

1 Awake, awake, Clothe yourself in your strength, O Zion; Clothe yourself in your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; For the uncircumcised and the unclean will no longer come into you.

2 Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, O captive Jerusalem; Loose yourself from the chains around your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus says the LORD, "You were sold for nothing and you will be redeemed without money."

Rom 11:24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

Isa 52

**7 How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness,
Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"**

**8 Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, They shout joyfully together;
For they will see with their own eyes When the LORD restores Zion.**

**9 Break forth, shout joyfully together, You waste places of Jerusalem;
For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.**

**10 The LORD has bared His holy arm In the sight of all the nations,
That all the ends of the earth may see The salvation of our God.**

Luke 21:24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Heb 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

1 Cor 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Eph 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

1 Pete 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

Rom 8:11 Now the Spirit from Him who raised Jesus from the dead indwells you. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will give also spiritual life to your mortal bodies by means of His Spirit who indwells you.

Phil 3:10 That I may come to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.

"Fellowship of His sufferings" refers to a new and unique system of suffering for blessing. "Being conformed to His death" is a reference to the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Power enabled). **Rom 6:4-6** and **Col 2:12-14**.

Eph 1:19-20 And what is the surpassing greatness of His power to us who have believed for the working of His superior power, which He put into operation by means of Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in heavenly places.

Rom 1:4 Who [Jesus Christ] was demonstrated the Son of God by means of power belonging to the Holy Spirit by means of the resurrection from the dead.

Acts 1:8 And when the Holy Spirit comes, you shall be witnesses unto me.

Acts 1:5 He had said, "John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence."

Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Jesus' Resurrection is the Pattern for all Resurrections

The first resurrection in all of human history is that of our Lord at the end of the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union. Until Jesus Christ died on the cross, there could be no resurrection. The first resurrection in history is that of Jesus Christ in Hypostatic Union.

His resurrection is the precedent for all believers who too will be resurrected. The resurrection for all believers is called the First Resurrection. The Second Resurrection is for all unbelievers who will be raised from Hades and then thrown into the Eternal Lake of Fire. This is also called the second death, **Rev 20:5-6**.

The First Resurrection is pictured as a battalion pass-in-review, and therefore is divided into four echelons, **1 Cor 15:20-24**.

Alpha Company: The resurrection of Christ at the end of the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union, for He is **"the first fruits of them that slept."** **Mat 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21; Acts 2:31-34**.

Bravo Company: The resurrection of the Royal Family of God at the end of the great power experiment of the Church Age, **John 14:1-3; Phil 3:20-21; 1 Cor 15:51-57; 1 Thes 4:13-18; 1 John 3:1-2**.

Charlie Company: The resurrection of the Old Testament believers and Tribulational martyrs at the end of the Tribulation and the Second Advent, **Dan 12:13; Isa 26:19-20; Mat 24:31; Rev 20:4**.

Delta Company: The resurrection of the Millennial saints at the end of the Millennium. **Rev 20:5**

Physical death is the prerequisite for resurrection. There are two exceptions:

- The Rapture generation of the Church Age.
- The Millennial believers alive at the end of time and human history.

Resurrection is the Lord's victory, 1 Cor 15:55-56.

1 Cor 15:55, (quote from Hos 13:14), "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law;"

The only victory is God's victory demonstrated through resurrection. Death has no victory! The sting of death is the Sin Nature in man, as a result of Adam's original sin and the imputation and judgment of our sins in the Lord Jesus Christ by God the Father.

Sin's power is defined in the Mosaic Law. **1 Tim 1:8-10**

1 Tim 1:8-11, "But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers ¹⁰and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching, ¹¹according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted."

Why was our Lord resurrected?

Our Lord was raised from the dead to proclaim the victory won at the Cross. As a result of that victory, all of mankind could share in His victory through resurrection. So, our Lord died for us and was raised for us. This is understood in the doctrine of Positional Truth.

There are two categories of Positional Truth: Retroactive and Current.

The Cross of Jesus Christ represents what is called Retroactive Positional Truth, and His resurrection, ascension, and session represents what is called Current Positional Truth.

In Retroactive Positional Truth, we reject and are separated from good and evil, and divorced from the Old Sin Nature. While identification with Christ in His physical death and burial connotes breaking the power of the Old Sin Nature, it still doesn't give us anything new.

Three results of Retroactive Positional Truth: **Rom 6:1-11; 7:1-6**

- Identification with the spiritual death of Jesus Christ means the rejection of good and evil that we were joined to as a result of Adam's original sin. **Gen 2:9, 17; 3:5, 7, 22**
- Identification with His physical death means separation from good and evil.
- Identification with His burial means divorce from good and evil.

Retroactive P.T. positionally breaks the power of the Old Sin Nature. **Rom 6:6-7**

Rom 6:6-7, "Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷for he who has died is freed from sin."

When God takes away the old (by Retroactive Positional Truth), he substitutes the new (by Current Positional Truth). Both are part of the victory over death. In Retroactive P.T. we died to sin. In Current P.T. we live to Christ.

Current Positional Truth is identification with Christ, as He is seated at the right hand of the Father, in His resurrection, ascension, and session. Current P.T. emphasizes two factors:

The Blessing Factor: Imputation of God's righteousness plus Bible doctrine equals the reality of blessing in time. **Rom 5:15-17**

Rom 5:15-17, "But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. ¹⁶The gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose* from one *transgression* resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift *arose* from many transgressions resulting in justification. ¹⁷For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ."

The Environmental Factor: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit plus Bible doctrine equals the reality of an encapsulated environment to execute the spiritual life. **1 Cor 12:13; 2 Cor 5:17**

Current P.T. provides the potentiality of "**newness of life,**" **Rom 6:4.**

Rom 6:4, "Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

Current P.T. is the basis for establishing the Royal Family of God's relationship with Jesus Christ. It is characterized by the Baptism of the Spirit, which is unique to the Church Age.

Current P.T. is related to the primary potential, which is the imputation of divine righteousness.

The justice of God at salvation imputes divine righteousness to the believer. We have been given Christ's righteousness. **2 Cor 5:21; Rom 4:3; 5:19; 9:30; 10:4**

2 Cor 5:21, "He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Current P.T. is related to the secondary potential, which is the Baptism of the Spirit. **Rom 6:5; 1 Cor 12:13; Eph 4:4-6**

Rom 6:5," For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, (*our encapsulated environment*)."

This environment is accomplished by the conditional sentence, "**For if we have become united..."**

In **Rom 6:8-10**, the same conclusion is found.

Rom 6:8-10, "Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die

again; death no longer is master over Him. ¹⁰For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Therefore, Current P.T. is related to the possession of eternal life of which we have a double portion.

We have a double portion of eternal life and divine righteousness. This double portion includes both what we receive by imputation at salvation from God the Father and what we receive at salvation by being in union with Christ.

1 John 5:11-12, “And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.”

This is eternal life from Current P.T. through identification with the Lord Jesus Christ. See also **Rom 6:23b**.

Rom 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

John 3:36 says that eternal life is also given at salvation through imputation.

John 3:36, “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

In summary, as a result of the imputation of Divine Righteousness, the Baptism of the Spirit, and the imputation of eternal life, we have been given the perfect environment to live the spiritual life and execute God’s Plan for our lives. This is sometimes called living the resurrected life. Through identification with the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, under Current Positional Truth, we have been given tremendous assets and power to live in the newness of life. Are you living that life?

Current Positional Truth (C.P.T.) is Related to Election and Predestination. Rom 8:29-30; Eph 1:4-6

Rom 8:29, “For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to *become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.”

Eph 1:4-6, “Just as He chose (*elect*) us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.”

- Under C. P. T. we share in the election of Jesus Christ from eternity past as a part of God's Divine Decrees. Billions of years ago God, knowing your future positive volition towards the Gospel of Christ, decreed to bring salvation into your life, electing you to the family of God with the result of resurrection to eternal glory.
- His choosing or Election of you means you are placed in union with the Lord Jesus Christ on the day of your salvation. This is one of the forty things we receive from God at the moment of salvation.
- In **Rom 8:29** we are predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son. **Eph 1:5** likewise says that we are adopted as sons to God. In the original Greek, this refers to the Roman culture of adoption which was to adopt an adult son and give him the full privileges of the family. In addition, because Jesus Christ was an adult son, our identification with Him through C.P.T. means we too are adult sons of God.
- We can call ourselves predestined, but only in the light of Current Positional Truth. As a result of God's foreknowledge of our faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ upon the Cross, we are identified with His resurrection, ascension, and session and will receive the like ourselves. This is a fact of the destiny God has promised to the believer.

Current P.T. is Related to the Royal Family of God. Eph 2:6; 1 Peter 5:9

Christ had no battlefield royalty or family. He has royalty and title, but the Church Age had to be inserted into history to provide a Royal Family for Him.

Eph 2:4-7, "But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

Current P.T. is Related to the Royal Priesthood. Heb 10:10-14; 1 Peter 2:4-6, 9-10

Heb 10:10-14 says, we have been sanctified, because Jesus Christ has been set apart to the Father and we are made priests forever.

Heb 10:10-14, "By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; ¹²but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. ¹⁴For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified."

We minister today in the realities of Bible doctrine and the newness of life, which comes from the Baptism of the Spirit.

Current P.T. is Related to Positional Sanctification. 1 Cor 1:2; Rom 6:4, 19

1 Cor 1:2, "To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:"

The Baptism of the Spirit places us in permanent relationship with God. We are set apart from unbelieving man and an unbelieving world forever in Christ Jesus. This is the first phase of Sanctification. We have a permanent place and position in Christ Jesus. The second phase is called Experiential Sanctification, which is our daily walk with Jesus Christ. Finally, the third phase of Sanctification is Ultimate Sanctification, when we are translated to heaven upon death or Rapture and receive our very own resurrection body. All three phases are made possible as a result of the Baptism of God the Holy Spirit. **Rom 6:4, 19**

Current P.T. is Related to God's Personal Possession Forever, the Believers of the Royal Family. 1 Pet 2:9-10

1 Pet 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

The Royal Family of God is superior to all other believers of all time by virtue of Positional Truth. There is no equality.

God protects His very own possessions by providing them the encapsulated environment by means of the Baptism of the Spirit. Therefore, God is able to bless the believer.

Blessings from God go through His grace pipeline from His justice to His imputed righteousness in us. Those blessing are imputed to the encapsulated environment, the "**newness of life**". **Rom 6:4**

Current Positional Truth provides the basis for being a new creature in Christ and having a new life, and therefore having available the blessings of God. The objective of the new life is the imputation of blessings in time from God's justice. **Eph 1:3-6**

Eph 1:3-6, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved."

The Grace of God and Resurrection, 1 Cor 15:57.

There could be no greater monument to the grace of God than resurrection. **Verse 57** says literally, "**but to the God grace.**" This is an idiom where the Greek word for "**thanks**" is **CHARIS** – χάρις (khar'-ece), which means, "grace, kindness, blessing, and sometimes thanks." So, it is translated, "**but thanks be to God**" followed by "**who gives to us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

Until our Lord went to the Cross and achieved the strategic victory of the Angelic Conflict during the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union, no one could be resurrected. He could not be resurrected until He became true humanity at the virgin birth. In other words, God could not give a victory that had not yet been attained. That's why our Lord remembers in **John 13:3b**, that **"He had come forth from the God,"** and in **13:3c**, **"was going back to God."** He came forth to become true humanity so through victory and resurrection all could share in His victory and receive their own personal resurrection.

In the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union, Jesus Christ died physically on the cross, was resurrected by the omnipotence of God the Father and omnipotence of the Holy Spirit, ascended into heaven, and sat at the Father's right hand.

At that point, the victory was completed. That was the strategic victory of the angelic conflict, the termination of the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union. Now, He has a victory to give not only to us, but also to all the Old Testament saints at the Second Advent.

The victory is demonstrated at the resurrection of Church Age believers called the Rapture. It is patterned after the resurrection of the humanity of Jesus Christ at the end of the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union. The victory is given to every believer, regardless of his spiritual status or any failure on his part, regardless of whether he fails or succeeds in God's plan in time. No failure can eliminate you from resurrection. You can lose out on rewards **1 Cor 3:10-15**, but you can never lose out on your resurrection.

Just as Jesus Christ was resurrected at the end of the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union, so the Royal Family of God will be resurrected at the end of the great power experiment of the Church Age.

Our Challenge in Application of Resurrection, 1 Cor 15:58.

1 Cor 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, become stabilized, not distracted, and excel in association with the work of the Lord [living in the newness of life obtain at salvation, Rom 6:4] at all times, because your labor for the Lord is not empty [vain]."

The Greek word for **"become"** is **GINOMAI – γίνομαι** (ghin'-om-ahee), which means, "to become something you were not before." Because we have no control over our death, burial, and resurrection, we do have control over our lives now. We have the opportunity to use our free will to execute the Plan of God. In the **"newness of life,"** God has provided unlimited divine assets, the Portfolio of Invisible Assets, by which we execute His Plan. Our Portfolio of Invisible Assets includes:

Primary Assets:

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Pre-designed Plan of God

Equal Privilege and Equal Opportunity

Unique Royal Commissions

Unique Mystery Doctrine of the Church Age

Indwelling of the Trinity

100% Availability of Divine Power.

Secondary Assets:

Positive volition toward Bible Doctrine

Production Assets = Residence in the Plan of God, (Fruit of the Spirit)

Suffering for Blessing

Invisible Impact Blessings

- Personal impact – blessing by association
- Historical impact – national blessing (Pivot)
- International impact – association with Client Nation to God
- Angelic Impact – Witness to the angles

Personal Asset:

Operating in your Spiritual Gift

Unique Asset:

Indwelling of the Trinity

To **“Be steadfast”** or **“become stabilized”** is the Greek word **HEDRAIOS** – **ἑδραῖος** (hed-rah'-yos), and comes to imply that you have the right to use your own volition to execute and fulfill the Plan of God. You have the right to learn Bible doctrine, to utilize your Portfolio of Invisible Assets, and to use the omnipotence of God – all to the glory of God. You can only glorify God by executing His Plan. When you do, you are in a stabilized condition.

The apposition **“immovable”** better translated **“not distracted,”** is the Greek word **ἀμετακίνητος** – **AMETAKINETOS** [am – et – ak – in' – ay – tos]. An apposition means there are two adjacent nouns having the same referent stand in the same syntactical relation. With the words **HEDRAIOS “steadfast”** and **AMETKINETOS “immovable,”** we have two words with very similar meaning. So, we have a double emphasis.

Specifically, **AMETAKINETOS** is a multiple compound word with the negative “**A**” prefix joined to **METAKINEO – μετακινέω** (met-ak-ee-neh’-o), which means, “not to set aside, not to replace, not to displace, not to remove, or not to be moved away from.”

This word more clearly defines what it means to become stabilized. Distractions are anything you put before Bible doctrine and God’s Plan for your life. They are things that move you away from your relationship with God and the execution of His Plan. When you find yourselves distracted from your relationship with God, you should do as the Lord Jesus Christ did and recall the promise of your personal victory and resurrection to once again ground yourself inside the Plan of God.

“**Always abounding**” or “**to excel**” is made up of two Greek words **PANTOTE – πάντοτε** (pan’-tot-eh), meaning, “at all times,” and **PERISSEUO – περισσεύω** [PER – IS – SYOO’ – O], meaning, “to be over and above, to abound, or super-abound.” Combined in Biblical application, it means to be outstanding and become a spiritually mature believer. This means your service to the Lord, when done through the power of the Holy Spirit, has personal impact, national impact, international impact, and angelic impact.

It is called “**your toil or labor,**” because you use your volition during this time on earth. Your volition determines your control or lack of control over your life. “**Your labor for the Lord**” are the decisions you make to use the power of God in all situations. It is your positive decisions daily, your evaluation of what is important in your life, the importance of Bible doctrine, the daily perception of Bible doctrine, your spiritual growth, and your works unto God through the filling of the Holy Spirit.

The last principle to note in **verse 58** is that believers who do not use the power of God live empty lives. For believers who use and apply the power of God (i.e. overcomers), their lives are **OUK KENOS – οὐ κενός** (ken-os’), “not empty” or “not in vain.” In other words, these believers are executing the Plan of God for their lives, producing the fruit of the Spirit. They have spiritual growth, production and impact. Through simple recollection of God’s power and promise to raise you from the dead, as our Lord utilized in **John 13:3c**, you realize that God has unlimited power available for application to your life, and you stand firm and confident in Him.

1 Cor 15:57-58, “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, become stabilized, not distracted, and excel in association with the work of the Lord at all times, because your labor for the Lord is not fruitless.”

Resurrection and the Omnipotence of God.

Christ died twice on the cross that we might be born twice. He died spiritually to provide salvation. He died physically, because His work was finished.

Our first birth is natural generation, in which God the Father creates human life and imputes it to the soul at birth.

Our second birth is regeneration, by which God the Holy Spirit creates from His omnipotence a human spirit for the imputation of eternal life by God the Father.

In both the first and second births, the omnipotence of God is involved.

Principles:

1) The power that sustained the humanity of Christ on the Cross and gave Him the endurance to bear our sins is the same power made available to us for the fulfillment of the Plan of God.

2) The power that resurrected Christ from the dead is the same power delegated and made available to every Church Age believer for the fulfillment of the Plan of God.

The omnipotence of God is delegated, distributed, made available to every Church Age believer for the utilization of the tactical victory of the angelic conflict, which is the fulfillment of the Plan of God, the function of the unique spiritual life and the lifestyle of wisdom, resulting in spiritual maturity and glorification of God in this intensified stage of the Angelic Conflict.

The royal family of God is designed and empowered to glorify God. This becomes the highest destiny ever given to any group of believers in any dispensation!

In physical death, our Lord Jesus Christ had a trichotomous separation. Just as our Lord's spiritual death was unique: He was judged for all of our sins, so His physical death was unique: He had a trichotomous separation.

1) His body went into the grave. **Luke 23:50-53**

2) His human spirit went into the presence of God the Father in the third heaven. **Luke 23:46; John 19:30**

3) His human soul went into the first compartment of Hades, Paradise, where all the Old Testament believers resided until the resurrection of Christ. **Luke 23:43; Acts 2:27-31; Eph 4:9**

When we die, our soul and spirit go into the presence of the Lord in heaven, accompanied by Christ who indwelt us. For we are said to be **"absent from the body and face to face with the Lord."** **2 Cor 5:8 w/ 1 Cor 13:12**

So, there is no splitting up of the soul and the spirit in the death of the believer. But our Lord's physical death was unique.

Being face to face implies that we have a recognizable interim body in heaven until the Rapture.

In the meantime, our Lord's body was in the grave for three days and three nights. **Mat 12:40; 26:61; 27:63; Mark 9:31; 10:34; and Luke 23:53-56 document this clearly.**

When the work of salvation was finished, our Lord said to the Father, "**Father, into Your hands I dismiss My spirit,**" **Luke 23:46**, and His human spirit went into the presence of the Father.

He said to the dying thief in **Luke 23:43**, "**Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.**" His soul went into Paradise, a compartment of Hades.

Psa 16:10 prophesied, "**For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.**" See also **Acts 2:27-32** and **Eph 4:9**.

While He was there, according to **1 Pet 3:18-21**, the Holy Spirit guarded the soul of our Lord in Hades. And by means of the Spirit, the soul of our Lord went down to Tartarus, where He made the victorious proclamation to certain fallen angels.

God the Father is said to be the agent of the resurrection, He raised Him from the dead. **Eph 1:20; Col 2:12; 1 Thes 1:10; Rom 6:4; 1 Pet 1:21; Heb 13:20**

But Scripture also says the Holy Spirit raised Him from the dead. **Acts 2:24; Rom 1:4; 8:11; 1 Pet 3:18**. So, God the Holy Spirit is also the agent of the resurrection.

The omnipotence of the Father sent our Lord's human spirit through billions and billions of light years of space to His body in the tomb.

Simultaneously, the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit returned His human soul from Hades to His body.

Now rejoined in the resurrection body, our Lord walked through the stone.

Later on, an angel rolled away the stone so that the world could see and verify the resurrection.

The conclusion is; the power that resurrected Christ is now made available to all human beings from the omnipotence of God the Father and the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit.

Eph 1:20, "**Which power He put into operation by means of Christ when He [God the Father] raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand.**"

In **Acts 2:31** Peter said, "**He [David] looking ahead spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that He was neither abandoned in Hades nor did His flesh see decay.**"

Rom 6:4, "Therefore, we have been buried with Him [Christ] through baptism into death [baptism of the Spirit] in order that, as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

2 Cor 13:4, "For indeed He was crucified because of weakness [ours], yet He lives because of the power of God."

That is why Paul said in **Phil 3:10, "That I may come to know Him and the power of His resurrection."**