

Throne Life: “Sharing Christ’s Throne”

Lesson 1 – **“Throne Life”**

Jesus invites us to share with Him in the glory of His enthronement at the Father’s right hand.

This is not something for the spiritually elite – but a privilege and inheritance of every believer.

The fact that many of God’s children have not entered into this standing in grace does not prove that it is not for all. As in all of God’s blessings; one must **APPROPRIATE** for themselves.

The fullness of God’s blessings are already ours in Christ according to **Eph. 1:3-** **“Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ”** which awaits our comprehension and appropriation.

Rev. 3:21- “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

Jesus said the over-comer would be enthroned with Him and enjoy His victory. John tells us this overcoming is for every believer:

I John 5:4- “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.”

If we are born again, we are born of God – and if born of God, we are [**potentially**] constantly victorious. **I John 5:5**

The key to this victorious life is our faith:

- Faith possesses what grace gives.
- Grace has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness – **2 Peter 1:2-3-** “Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him that called us by His own glory and virtue.”
- As our faith is developed, we are predestined to be conformed to the image of God’s Son.
- Since God’s Son is an overcomer – we have the potential to be an overcomer also.

- You may not feel like an overcomer now – at your current level of spirituality; but the potential is there as your mind is renewed and your faith grows.

Many “theologians and otherwise intelligent people” have told us the overcoming life is for another age – the future one.

“It’s for the Millennium” or that this was just for the “Early Church.” They say!

Death Minded-

In an honest desire to honor the cross of Christ, many believers have majored on Christ’s death/crucifixion.

Yes, Christ did die for our sins so we could be saved.

But in an over emphasis of this truth; a major aspect of the gospel is missed.

His Resurrection – and Ascension are important or we would still be in our sins.

- It may shock many, but the Book of Acts does not mention the death of Christ for our sins!
- Of course He did die for our sins- but the major emphasis is that He rose to bring us to God and put us in right standing with God:
ICor. 15:3-4 “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”

Christ’s work was not finished when He died on the cross – it was completed [finished] when He presented His blood in the heavenly sanctuary:

Heb. 9:12- “Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

Jesus took the blood He shed to heaven, into the Holy of Holies and sealed the New Covenant.

The early 1st Century believers were focused on a victorious, triumphant Savior, who had overcome death and was now enthroned in heaven, with all authority in heaven and earth given to Him.

- NOW, we are transformed as we behold – by the Holy Spirit – the glory of the Resurrected Lord:
2Cor. 3:18- “**But we all**, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

Our Transformation comes as a result of our focus on the glory of the Resurrected Lord, not His death.

- As wonderful as His sacrifice was, we are to move in our focus to the glory of His resurrection and enthroning.
- This is where we are identified with Him – in His enthroning.

Our Identification with Christ-

Any doctrinal confusion today is due to a misunderstanding of Paul’s revelation on the believer’s position **in Christ**:

- We **were crucified with Him**:
 - Rom. 6:6 “...our old man **was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”
 - Gal.2:20-“I **have been crucified with Christ**; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;...” Gal. 6:14.
- We **died with Him**:
 - 2Cor. 5:14, 15- “for the love of Christ compels us; because we judge thus; that **if One died for all, then all died**. And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who dies for them and rose again.”
 - Rom. 6:8- “Now if **we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him**.”
 - Col. 3:3- “For you died, and **your life is hidden with Christ in God**.”
 - Rom. 6:10, 11
- We **were buried with Him**:
 - Rom. 6:4- “We were buried **with Him through baptism into death**, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”
 - Col. 2:12- “..**buried with Him in baptism**, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”
- We **were made alive with Him**:
 - Col. 2:13- “and you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He has made alive together with Him**, having forgiven you all trespasses.”
 - Eph. 2:5- “even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**, [by grace you have been saved].”
- We **were raised with Him**:
 - Col. 3:1 “If you then **were raised with Christ**, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.”
 - Eph. 2:6- “...and **raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**.”
- We **are seated – enthroned with Him**:
 - Eph. 2:6- “**and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**.”

- We **are anointed with Him**:
 - Acts 2:33- “Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise [John 7 of the Holy Spirit], the promise of the Holy Spirit. He poured out this which you now see and hear.”
- We **will be manifested with Him**:
 - Col. 3:4- “When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”
 - I John 3:2- “We are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be. But we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”
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We have been identified with Christ in His finished work:

- All that He did – He did for us.
- His victory – is our victory.
- His defeat of satan – is our defeat over satan.
- His authority over demonic forces – is our authority over demonic forces.
- His freedom to come before the Father – is our freedom to come before the Father.
- These realities are ours now and freely given to us in Christ by the grace of God.

But – they must be **possessed** by the believer:

Paul exhorted us: I Tim. 6:12- “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life.”

- It’s a good fight because Jesus has already won the decisive battle/war.
- We are now called to “**enforce**” Jesus defeat and victory over satan and the evil forces – in the Name of Jesus.
- We are His representatives clothed with His presence and power.
- We are dressed in armor that protects us in the battle.
- “Having overcome all, stand.” Or “Having conquered all, stand.”
- Our destiny is victory but it doesn’t happen automatically – we must possess it by an aggressive faith!

All Things Center in Christ-

The goal of the universe and the culmination of God’s purpose is to bring all things under the headship of Christ.

- Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess the Lordship of Christ:
Phil. 2:9-11 “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Our calling, commissioning and destiny is that we should go forth and extend His name.
He has all authority now – the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.

Eph. 1:9-11 “Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, **that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – in Him.**

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance being predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.”

Weymouth translation:

“When He made known to us the secret of His will. And this is in harmony with God’s merciful purpose for the government of the world when the times are ripe for it – the purpose which He has cherished in His own mind of restoring the whole creation to find its one Head in Christ; yes, things in Heaven and things on earth, to find their one Head in Him.”

**It is the Father’s purpose to bring all things back under the headship of Christ.
What we have failed to see is that we are an important factor in Him accomplishing this purpose.**

Our overcoming and taking our place enthroned with Him is necessary to fulfill all God’s plan.

Christ shall reign until all His enemies are under His feet.

We are the Body of Christ – the feet are in the Body.

The feet are the part of the Body that walks the earth!