

Title: Righteousness and Ascension

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Father, we thank you. We honor your presence so much. You are so faithful. You are so true. We just adhere to your words, Lord, both written and spoken. Every day, Lord, we hear you. Every day you allow us to see you more and more. Thank you for bringing the Word of God into tangible reality of the manifestation of the Kingdom of Heaven in our lives, Lord. We thank you for how you open up the eyes of our understanding, and how you give us revelation knowledge of who you are. We receive that Father God. We receive your words and your strengthening today, so we can be in awe of who you are. In Jesus' name, hallelujah.

Well, I want to encourage in the Spirit today on righteousness and ascension. You know, God has given us hope. If we have been born again, we have hope. All right, He is the great hope. If we have been born again, we have hope, and hope "sees." We are not supposed to walk by sight, but by faith. Let hope and faith and love all abide together to manifest the Kingdom of Heaven and Jesus to us. So, the Lord puts hope in our hearts. God's hope cannot disappoint. God's hope cannot disappoint, because the focus of that hope is Jesus Christ Himself, and what He has done for us. In the Gospel, the word of God, from beginning to the end, we have hope in God. Put all of your hope in God, and hope sees. It is a spiritual thing. It is a thing that comes from your spirit. Even our soul can hope. In the scriptures, it is written that they would say, "Why are you downcast, Oh, my soul? Put your hope in God." So, we are not without hope, and hope sees. There is vision in this.

We understand that we have been made righteous with God through the blood of Jesus. We were once lost, separated as sinners, and apart from Him. We have been made right with Him through Jesus Christ. He has given us His righteousness, okay? There is ascension power in that righteousness, because we know that He rose from the dead and ascended on high. Today, as we talk about how hope sees and righteousness and ascension, He is imparting to us another dose of revelation on these topics. We teach on the scepter of righteousness in our schools of ministry, pretty much at every level. Because, Christ is the righteous One, "Christ, our righteousness."

Psalms 45:6-7 NKJV

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions."

We know that Jesus Christ is the Anointed One. God has given the rule of the Kingdom of Heaven to His Son, Jesus Christ. He has given him a "scepter of righteousness."

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom."

The scepter is the rule and rod of all authority to the King of kings and the Lord of lords. God rules from Heaven righteously and justly. Even the foundation of His throne is righteousness and justice, amen. Praise God that we serve a righteous, just, true God. His Son, Jesus Christ, has ascended and really conquered. He has brought everything back together through His sacrifice on the cross. He was raised and went back to Heaven and is coming again.

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Psalm 125:3

“The scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous. Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.”

Because the scepter of wickedness produces iniquity, sin that goes from generation to generation. God's throne is established forever in righteousness. We know His scepter rule is righteousness and justice. He tells us, “The scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous.” Now, He could have just said, “in the heavenly places,” right? But, He put it down on the planet on which we stand. “The scepter of wickedness shall not rest.” That is a command. The whole work of great Holy Ghost, once we are born again, is to get us out of the scepter of wickedness' hands, get the iniquity out of us, get us to repent and to believe in the gospel. Then through His sozo salvation, to transform us and deliver us.

We have been revived. We have been reformed. We are walking in Kingdom authority. So, that is a very powerful word. The scepter of righteousness is a real rod of authority in Heavenly places. There is a real table from which He commissions His Church. He gives this commissioning to His Church to, “Go into all the world and to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to all nations,” doing everything that Jesus did. He promises signs and wonders will follow those who follow Him. We are not just “going to church.” The Church has all authority, right. Jesus said, “I give you authority to trample on the snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing, by any means, shall harm you.”

Luke 10:19

He says, “I have given you My authority. Go, therefore, into all the nations.” This is what you are going to do. We are still doing that. We will continue to fulfill this, until this Gospel of the Kingdom has been preached to every nation and peoples. Then the end shall come.

Father is always working with the believer's authority. Okay, we are all growing in this. All of us are growing from faith to faith, grace to grace, and hope to hope. But, there comes times when there is a “whoosh,” that is the breath of the Holy Ghost. He gives you a fresh, new impartation, and revelation knowledge and understanding of these words that we read in the Bible. Amen.

Jeremiah 33:15 AMP

“In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He (the Messiah), shall execute justice and righteousness on the Earth.”

“In those days at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; He (the Messiah), this is the righteous Branch, shall execute justice and righteousness,” Where?, “on the Earth.”

We know that He can do this, because He is all in all, and He is just. He is righteous from the highest of Heaven's throne. Everywhere He goes, He brings that righteousness and justice and holiness. It is very, very powerful. As Christians, we should see through our spirits what the Lord Jesus has revealed to us through His Spirit. That is a daily walk. We are all seeing. Hope sees, every day. We are seeing more and more of His Kingdom. We are seeing more of His righteousness and His justice. We see His transformation. We see His reformation. We see how He brings back to life what was dead. We see where He judges righteously and He permits no more. We see where He is saying, “You will cease and desist now.” We see this from Heaven as Christians.

Every day we see a brand new day, morning by morning. I started out this way, this morning. His mercy is new every morning, because that is truth. No matter what time it is, we live in His

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fresh mercy. His mercy, mercy, mercy, as we live from God's perspective. He is always looking towards us with mercy. We know that Jesus Christ ever lives to make intercession for us. He stands with us forever. His blood is speaking a better word, saying, "mercy." He stands between the sinner and God, as the intercessor. His blood made atonement for our sins. Day and night, night and day, it says, "forgiven, mercy." There is no judgment there. You understand, once you are in Christ. That scepter of righteousness comes down from God's throne through Christ into His body, and that Body is what's still on the planet. Through the Body, the Church is enforcing Heaven's rule. It is amazing. From the highest of Heaven, all the way to here, that is what He is giving us in His encouragement today. It is a new day, and we all should see hope.

If we all close our eyes and say, "Lord, let me see hope," you may see a lot of different things. Hope is something that our spirit knows well, and it is taking over our soul. Hope takes over our thought life. We use to say hope with doubt and unbelief. "Well, I sure hope He heals my foot." We don't believe it for nothing. It is a cry, but God heard the hope that you spoke, even in your doubt and unbelief. "I hope He heals my foot," because He sees that we are where we are. Yet God's always working to raise us up into this Kingdom authority and what hope can really produce. So when you say, "I hope something." Now, you are going to shift the way you are thinking, and you are going to see the Kingdom of Heaven manifest. Faith and hope work together, correct? How can we see these things? We hope for, those things that are not seen, but the things that are seen, they really exist. This great hope, by the Holy Ghost, from the Kingdom of Heaven and His throne, is manifesting His glory to us on this Earth and forevermore. We don't want to let our hope be in unbelief and doubt, but we want to see righteousness and justice, the scepter of righteousness, ruling from His kingdom, and He comes through that hope.

We are delivering people on a weekly basis. We are ministering to people every week, and people are given new hope. You can just see what it does when they get one little touch and everything changes. You understand. You remember that one touch that God gave you, and then you had hope. "Oh God, thank you. My sins are forgiven." Hallelujah, that is truth! But, there is more. The unseen manifests even when you don't see with your open eyes, and it comes through hope. As we get into this today, we are going to really focus on the throne and His scepter of righteousness, His rule, His righteousness, His ascension and who we are in Him.

II Corinthians 4:18 CSB

"So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

That is well said. "We do not focus on what is seen, but what is unseen for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." Holy Spirit is encouraging us in that everything that is unseen in the Spirit in Heaven, through Christ's throne and His righteousness and His justice, in all of Heaven. We sang about it all morning. He is a holy, righteous, perfect Father and God. Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords, seated at the right hand of God, even now. Yes, the great Holy Ghost is always manifesting and radiating before the throne of grace, with the seven Spirits burning, where perfect righteousness and justice are continually being manifested from Heaven. In Heaven, to those in Heaven, to those who are in Christ on Earth, and to those who are not in Him, yet. He rules righteously against the scepter of wickedness from Heaven, and from a throne that has a foundation that is unmovable, in righteousness and justice. You know how your Spirit is grieved when there is injustice and when righteousness has been forsaken. Heaven is in charge. So, we do not focus on what is seen, but we are fixing our eyes on what is unseen. This is the scepter of righteousness that rules the land.

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This is the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, that He has given to us His Church and individually. Yes, we are ruling and reigning in and with Christ, in His righteousness and in His authority. Even though we don't see it. We are acting it out. We are doing it daily. We are speaking, talking, healing, saving, standing, rebuking, praying, changing, interceding. We are standing in the gap. We are decreeing. "No, you shall be saved. Cease and desist. No, I bind that. I forbid that. I loose this." We release this. We have been given the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus said to bring forth and rule with the scepter of righteousness, of which we will never let go. That is being imparted. Amen. We have what we call, "blessed hope." Who's that? Jesus, thank you, Lord.

Titus 2:13 NKJV

"We are looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."

That means the the Body of Christ, the Church, should be looking for the "Blessed Hope." That is who He is. That is His name. Isn't that amazing? That is one of His names. Grant sang several names of Christ in worship this morning. Well, one of His names is the, "Blessed Hope." It was not just the poor saints on Earth going home, saying, "Please help us. Save us. You are our blessed hope!" He is the "blessed hope." He is, okay? That is the truth. "We are looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing." We have this hope in ourselves that strengthens us from generation to generation, until the Father says, "That is it. Go!"

Jeremiah 17:7

This is beautiful of course. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose hope is in the Lord."

See, we are blessed when we trust the Lord and when we hope in the Lord. Oh, my God, there is a blessing there. "The blessing of the Lord maketh one rich. He adds no sorrow to it." The Father is a good, good father, and He blesses us as His household of faith, His children, the eldest to the youngest. He blesses us. He blesses us. He has blessed us in God, in Christ Jesus. He has blessed us, and He will continue to bless us. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord." We see trust, we see hope, we see and receive the promised blessing that He will come again. Correct? He is always faithful to His word. As Christians, it is amazing to me how, by God in faith and grace, we can believe this Bible. I mean, it is the gift of God and the grace of God, that we can read these words on this paper and say, "I believe that." We didn't even live then. We didn't see it. Look at the hope. Look at the faith. Look at the power of the scepter of righteousness of God, the Righteous One, coming to the Earth to establish His kingdom. This is so powerful.

1 Peter 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

That is just his introduction to the letter. He had not started yet. He is just saying, "Hey, y'all. How y'all doing? Good to see you!" This is his introduction. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again." We have been born again," right? "To a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." This is how we are born again from above. When we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, we were born again. That means something happened if you were born again. Remember, we were separated from God. We had a walking body, with a soul, but the spirit died with sin. So, something had to be born again. Jesus said, "You must be born again." Okay? Jesus Christ was dead on the cross, buried, raised, and ascended. There is the ascension, right?

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There is the Spirit of God in us, to raise us from the dead, amen. This is a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because He was raised, we shall be raised. One day we will get new bodies like Jesus. Hallelujah, yes. He's going to finish the complete work. Right now, He's imparting and helping give revelation of His righteousness, His scepter of righteousness, His justice, His holiness, His kingdom, through all that He has done and through His seat, His ascension, His power, His authority, overall. He is the one that springs forth out of us. God causes life and the unseen, to literally spring forth.

We are coming into spring right now, thank God. We have had enough of the dirt and wind. Bring some rain, Lord. Pray for rain always. Right now, you are seeing things start to spring forth. We understand that with spring. But, that is what it looks like inside of us, because we were once dead in our sin, and now we are alive. We have sprung forth. We are springing forth from glory to glory. There are new things growing in us from season to season, in our soul, our heart, our minds. We are growing. We are maturing. Things are springing forth. God causes life.

John 10:10

Jesus said that the thief, meaning Satan, comes to steal, kill and destroy. That is all he can produce, right? But, Jesus said, "I have come to give life and life more abundantly." That is life springing forth in us.

"Your throne, O God is forever and ever, and a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom."

"The scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity."

"In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth, and He (the Messiah) shall execute justice and righteousness on the Earth."

You hear where we are coming from.

Isaiah 42:9

"Behold the former things have come to pass and new things I declare. Before they spring forth, I tell you of them."

Everybody say, "prophets." Okay, our whole Bible is full of this. Yes, Jesus! There are still prophecies that have not been fulfilled yet, and they shall be fulfilled. "Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare." "New things I declare." I declare, that is the believer's job, not just the prophet's job. Every day we are being filled with life and word and hope, and through this we declare what God says, yes. Even before you see it. "Before they spring forth I tell you of them." He knows what He's birthing. He knows what is springing forth. He knows when the weeds grow up in the backyard. He knows when the blue bonnets are springing up. He knows when the fresh leaves of grass are coming. He knows when the things that you planted last year are going to rise and come again. He knows what He's doing in the Earth when something was dead, and then He raises it. It comes forth again, and it is established again.

"Well, that city died." Now, it is raised again from the dead to shine forth righteousness. There was once a movement in that city, but then it passed away through time. Yet, He is the One. "Behold, the former things have come to pass. New things I declare. Before they spring forth, I tell you of them." "Wow, that city is raised."

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What about that continent, South America? You know, South America was ordained for the glory of God. "Behold, the former things have come to pass. New things I declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them." We have an ear. We have been given a "blessed hope." We have been given revelation knowledge of the throne room. From righteousness and justice in which He says, "Open your mouth wide and I will fill it, and you will decree a thing and it shall be established." He works with us.

I read it over and over again for a reason. You can read all this in context on your own.

Jeremiah 33:15 AMP

"In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth. He, the Messiah, shall execute justice and righteousness on the Earth."

Is that just in the end in the millennial reign? Or is it now?

Isaiah 43:19 NKJV

"Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Truth.

Isaiah 58:8 NKJV

"Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard."

"Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, your righteousness shall go before you," and the glory of God has got your back. The glory of God is what is empowering us to be healed, saved, delivered, made whole, and to prosper in and with the scepter of righteousness in order to rule the land. "I cannot even rule myself. I cannot rule the land." But, that is the whole point.

The labor is with the saints. Once the saints get revelation knowledge of this and their authority, saying, "Ahh. I get it now. I am supposed to rule the land with this right. Ah, I see my position now. I see what you have made me for." Hope came, truth. "The glory of the Lord is our rear guard."

Isaiah 61:11

"For as the Earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

It is just getting bigger, isn't it? "For as the Earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth."

Because we are people who rejoice when righteousness is revealed, right? When wickedness is ruling, the people are grieved, but when righteousness comes forth, there is a song, there is praise. Yes, wow, these things are springing up. The righteousness of God will cause praise to spring forth. We are those vessels. I know that the trees and the hills and the flowers on the Earth are literally praising God. I know that. I know that we know that, and God hears it. He made them. Praise the Lord. "He will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth together before all the nations." All the nations, all the peoples, from the beginning to the end, correct? For all eternity, they work together.

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But now, we are talking about now. “The Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth.” We know that this whole Isaiah 61 is prophecy, alluding to Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ that was coming, and His great work from the beginning to the end. He is going to wrap this up. He sure is. He is going to wrap it up. But right now, His scepter of righteousness is in the nations, in His church, and through His saints. You are bringing forth and springing forth, day by day, giving him highest praise where righteousness exalts a nation.

There is battle at those gates. There is battle, there is warfare, and there is Hell. Because, Hell is terrified of the Light. Hell is terrified of righteousness and justice. Hell is terrified of you, because, “It is no longer you that lives, but Christ that lives in you.” Yes, Light of glory is inside of us.

Isaiah 45:8

“Rain down, you Heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Let the Earth open, let them bring forth salvation and let righteousness spring up together. I, the Lord, have created it.”

It isn't that amazing. “Rain down, you Heavens, from above and let the skies pour down righteousness.” So, it is righteousness like rain. I think we sing a lot of songs about that, but really don't know what we are singing. You know, just singing, but it all comes from the word of God. “He is raining down righteousness from Heaven,” in, to, with and through His peoples into their dirt. It springs forth and produces wells of righteousness, foundations of righteousness and justice through His people and through His Church. “Let the Earth open up and bring forth salvation. Let the righteous spring up together. I, the Lord, have created it.” That is very, very important.

We talk about Lord, God Almighty, as Creator God. We know that this is all a part of His plan. He is the Creator. He created us. He created the Heavens and the Earth. Yes, we know that from Genesis. Wow, He has chosen to abide and dwell and remain within His family. That is something else. He calls us ministers of righteousness.

II Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.”

This was one of the first verses I read when it was an, “aha,” moment. The Holy Ghost gave me wisdom and revelation knowledge of, “Oh, my God, of Christ's righteousness. It is no longer my righteousness, but it is Christ's righteousness.” We talk about this all the time. The righteousness of God, in Christ, for the believer. Amazing. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, right there. You have been born again from above. Old has passed away. All things become new. That work, “all things become new,” is a work, isn't it? “All things become new.” There you go. That is what we are in right now. “All things become new.” That is what we are in. That is the journey of love on this planet. “All things become new,” yet your spirit is perfect, hallelujah. We are working out our salvation with fear and trembling as He perfects the soul, the mind, the will, emotions and the body.

II Corinthians 5:21

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

“He made Him, Jesus, who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

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“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.”

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“In those days, another time, I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth, and He, the Messiah, shall execute justice and righteousness on the Earth.”

“His righteousness is springing forth.”

He has prophesied it. He sees it. He knew you before you were born, before the foundations of the world. He said, “Live.” Here you are. His whole goal was to put His righteousness in you to accomplish His perfect will on the Earth. You co-labor with Christ, the One who came, the Promised One, the Righteous One, and laid down His righteousness and became sin, a worm. He said, on the cross. He gave us His righteousness and forgave us. He ever lives to make intercession for us. The blood, says, “Mercy, mercy, mercy. Live continually forever.” His blood will never, ever fail. You hear it. He wants righteousness and justice. He gives us that scepter of righteousness. He calls us ministers of righteousness. A new creation, we are making all things new, even as we are being made new. We are transforming. We are doing these things, and yet we are being made new to ourselves, morning by morning. Truth. He gives us eyes to see. I know, yet, if you close your eyes, you may not see it. But, there is that hope, right? Because, “hope sees.”

John 9:1-11

This is the story about the man that was born blind and received sight from Jesus.

“Now, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth,” say, “Blind from birth,” okay? And His disciples asked Him saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind.” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.” No! Did He just say that? This is what we are talking about, right? “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day. The night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world.” I love this. “I am the light of the world.” That is powerful. “When He had said these things, He spat on the ground, and made clay with the saliva. He anointed the eyes the blind man with the clay. He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is translated, sent). So he went and washed and he came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?” Some said, “This is He.” Others said, “He is like him.” He said, “I am he.” Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He answered and said, “A Man, called Jesus, made clay and anointed my eyes, and said to me, “Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ “So I went and washed, and I received sight.”

This is a beautiful demonstration. He backed His words. He proved His word. He demonstrated the Word of God. He is springing forth, and righteousness is prevailing. Even in this, you can say, “Oh yeah, I was blind from birth. I was born in sin.” We all were. Yes? We could not see up from down. We didn't even know that we needed salvation till the glorious gospel came to us through some anointed saint, or they were caught up in glory and Jesus Himself gave it to them. That happens too, yes. Because He will reach those that cannot be reached. He is doing that now, is He not? Isn't this an amazing testimony?

So, how much more? What is He really doing. How is this really working? There is nothing impossible with God. We know that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. Then He ascended, and now He sits at the right hand of God in Heaven. Here is where I am tying these in. It is like,

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“Lord, that is awesome that you did all these things. But, why did you have to go away? Why didn’t you just stay here and help us?”

He sent the Helper. Hallelujah, Holy Ghost will never leave us, fail us, or forsake us.

Mark 16:19-20

“So then, after the Lord had spoken to them,” meaning the disciples, “He was received up into Heaven, and He sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs, amen.”

This is recorded for us in Mark. His last words there with Him. He was received up into Heaven, and then sat down at the right hand of God. So here they go. They go on out with the Gospel of the Kingdom, bringing the good news that He commissioned them in with the scepter of righteousness that will rule the land.

Luke 24:50-53

“And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into Heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.”

Truth, is that what your Bible says? “He led them out as far as Bethany. He lifted up His hands and blessed them.” There's that blessing again. “It came to pass while He blessed them, He was parted from them and was carried up into Heaven.” He ascended up, correct, and here they are worshipping the Lord.

Acts 1:8-11

This is Jesus's command to His disciples and to all of us.

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth. Now, when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly towards Heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into Heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into Heaven.”

You hear it? Wow. So, the command, “He told them, you are going to get baptized by the Holy Ghost and fire, Church. Go do what I have called you to do. This is the way it is going to work. You are going to be My witnesses to the ends of the Earth.”

Note, everywhere He says, it is very important to this day, “Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth.” He was taken up, and the cloud received Him. Wow. Then the angels show up. They didn't have to show up, right? That is obvious. You would think we would get it. I mean, He is right here, and there He goes. You would think we would figure it out, right? But here they are. “Two men stood by them with white apparel, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into Heaven. This same Jesus, who was taken from you, in Heaven will come in like manner.”

Isn't that amazing? “Before it came forth,” He told you, right? “Even before it is springing forth,” He told you what is going to happen. These guys came to reveal the Christ. He didn't have to say that there, did He? They could have just said, “See you soon.” Please make it soon, right? But, there is more to the story. Isn't this powerful. This really happened. This is

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real. He is backing His word now. Everything that the Lord did was perfect. There is a reason for everything. The fact that He even chose to manifest Himself to the disciples amazes me. He is the One that walked through the walls. He shows up in the room. He says, "Shalom to you." That's the One.

Ephesians 1:20-23

"Which He worked in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over, all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Wow. We teach this. We understand this rank and order. God the Father, God Jesus Christ, the Son, God Holy Ghost, and right below that is redeemed man. We used to be at the bottom of the barrel and lost, remember? Why are all these scriptures about in Him, in Him, in Him? Because, where He is, there we are. We are His Body, yes? He is giving back our authority. He is giving back authority to us. He is giving His authority to us. He is giving the scepter of righteousness to us, which is the scepter of His Kingdom, in which we have been commissioned to rule the land with, in righteousness and justice, correct? This is the One that "came forth from the righteous Branch of David. It sprang forth in the Messiah to execute justice and righteousness on the Earth." Yet, He is in Heaven, now. He is on His throne of authority now, at the right hand of God Almighty. Then God says that, "He has seated Him there, and He is far above," He lays it out, "every other authority, both spiritual and physical, above, below, within, without, on the Earth, under the Earth, and everything. He is Lord. Period, end of discussion. He is the Head. He is the Chief. He has all authority in Heaven and Earth. Over all, in all, through all, every other highest ranking angel is submitted to Him.

But, we skip something. Here comes those Redeemed Ones. The Redeemed Ones are just underneath Him. Yes, in Christ, and now you have the whole angelic host that are now attending to the words of those who inherit salvation. "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, bless the Lord. Do not forget all of His benefits." Right? The angels are attending unto the words of the Lord. They hear you speak the Word, and they carry it out. How could they do that if you have not been given that God given authority to speak it? Right? We are doing this in Christ, His Church. They are attentive here. This is powerful. "Jesus, Head over all things, even to the Church, which is His Body." Verses, "we are going to church." We are trying to always shape this. We are, "His Body, from the beginning to the end, in the fullness of Him, who fills all in all." All means all. Look it up in the Greek. "All in all, the fullness of Him, the Body of Christ, from the Heavens all the way down here, where the Church is. Where He is, I am. Where the Church is, He is there. It is the truth. Thank you Lord.

Ephesians 2:1-11

"And you He made alive," this is about us, you and me, "who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air," Satan, "and the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others." That is where we were. That is what I've explained to you. Verse four, "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, (the Anointed One, in His anointing,) and (by grace, you have been saved)." Verse six, "and raised us up together and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus," hallelujah, "that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works,

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lest anyone should boast, For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good, works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

We have read all about that, have we not? That is amazing. That is the word of God. That is it. That is the work. That the Lord is always trying to bring revelation knowledge to. “Oh, I hope He heals my foot.” Hoping He will do something about all this trouble in our nation. Hoping He can save those souls and shut down that wickedness. He is looking at you and He is looking at me, what will you do? What will you pray? What will you say? What will you decree? What will you stand for if you really knew where you are really seated, and you really see the scepter of righteousness in your arms?

Colossians 2:9

“For in Him dwells all of the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and you are complete in Him who is the Head of all principality and power.”

Who is your boss? Who is your husband? Who is your God? Who is your leader? This One, “in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and you are complete in Him, who is the Head of all principality and power,” God. This is “Authority 101.” He's reviving, encouraging, and strengthening the Church in this hour.

Colossians 2:12

“We were buried with Him in baptism, into which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.”

We were buried with Him in baptism.” That is our water baptism. What happened to us? When we agree and we repent, we are saved and we are baptized. You must be baptized. “Repent, be baptized.” We died, and are raised with Him through faith in the workings of God.

Colossians 3:1-4

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things on the Earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ, in God. When Christ, who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

“If then you were raised with Christ. Seek those things which are above.” That is now. “Where Christ is, at the right hand of God.” Set your mind, will, emotions, and everything on that, right? Here's the truth. “You died, and now your life is hidden with Christ, in God.” He has given us the seat. “You have been raised. You have been seated with Christ in heavenly places.” Yet, He has given us an assignment on the Earth to accomplish what Heaven is saying. I was cracking up when the Spirit was speaking through Grant earlier of “Jesus, our apostle, our prophet, our evangelist, our pastor, our teacher, and all those other names.

Ephesians 4:1-16 NKJV

Isn't that amazing? The power and the authority of Jesus Christ to rule on this Earth with the scepter of righteousness. God's wisdom and how He's doing it, and for the Body of Christ to know your seat where you are seated. Yes, and they call it the ascension gifts? He gives these offices from Himself, apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher to empower that Body that fills all things in all, working all together, to perform this word for the righteous Branch of David, to spring forth, to execute justice and righteousness in all the Earth and to bring forth salvation.” From morning to morning, from day to day, and night to night, we are all working together for the common good. But, we have to see our place of authority. We have to see where He's seated. We have to remember, “the scepter of righteousness rules the land,” and

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rule with it without shame or, "Oh, I hope so." He is encouraging our faith and strengthening us in that biblical authority, amen.

Let's stand up. We will continue on that. But, I think that is a great start. That is amazing, and it humbles you to know who we were in sin. Nothing, right, just a sinner. We were not even looking for God. But, He came, right? We were not even looking for God, and Jesus came.

"Jesus, thank you for your grace that is abounding to us, and that you saved us. Thank you, Jesus, for your instruction in your word from cover to cover. Thank you for who you are as King of kings and Lord of lords and Lion of Judah. Thank you that you have fulfilled all things righteously, and you are fulfilling them. Thank you that you have had the wisdom of God to build the Church, to build your Body, to build up, and to fill all things. We praise and honor you, Lord. That you will complete every word you have spoken, until the fullness comes in. Oh, glorious day!

Father, I pray for everybody who hears these scriptures and words from your heart, that you would remove every veil, every block, and every hindrance. I bind all doubt and unbelief and all religious spirits that buck against the word of God. I loose the fullness of your Spirit for people to lay hold of their righteousness of God in Christ. That we are His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all, and take our seats. That the scepter of righteousness will rule righteously in our dirt. We thank you that we are blessed by our Father. May we receive that blessing today. We know that you have hedged us in. We know that you keep us safe. "But thou, O Lord, are the shield round about me, and the glory and the lifter in my head." In Jesus' mighty name, amen.