

The Foundation Laid – Acts 2

- 1. Jesus of Nazareth – A Man Approved of God
 - Mighty Works, Wonders, & Signs
- 2. You Killed Him– determined & foreknown
 - Historical Fact – Only 50 days Prior
- 3. God Raise Him from the Dead
 - David promised a Son to sit on his throne forever.
 - Body will not see corruption
 - Soul will not be left in Hades
- 4. He is at the Right Hand of God Exalted
 - The Lord said to Mine: Sit at My Right Hand
 - Sound of mighty wind, tongues of fire,
 - Hearing Peter speak in their own native language
- **God has made Him both Lord and Christ**

Confession: God made Him Both Lord and Christ – Do We Agree?

- *homologeō* lit., “to speak the same thing” (*homos*, “same,” *legō*, “to speak”), “to assent, accord, agree with,” denotes, (a) “to confess, declare, admit,” (Vine's NT:3670)
- In Greek *homologeō* – wide range of meanings:

“agree,”	“approve/consent,”
“confess/profess”	“admit/acknowledge,”
“accept/affirm,”	“agree/commit”
- (Exegetical Dictionary NT:3670)

What is Confessed

- Peter: “You are ***the Christ, the Son of the living God,***” Mt. 16:16
- Paul: “if you confess with your mouth ***Jesus as Lord.***” Rom. 10:9-10
- “every tongue will confess that ***Jesus Christ is Lord*** to the glory of God.” Phil. 2:11
- John: *Whoever confesses that ***Jesus is the Son of God.*** God abides in him, and he in God.” Mt. 16:16;*
- What do we mean when we confess to this?

Do We Truly Understand?

- *In the beginning was the Word, and the **Word was with God, and the Word was God.** 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were **made through Him**, and without Him nothing was made that was made. Jn. 1:1-4*
- *And the **Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, Jn. 1:14*
- *although He **existed in the form of God**, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but **emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant** Phil. 2:6-7*
- He gave up His form – Still possessed Divinity

The Word Became Flesh: Jesus

- *that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall **call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins** ... all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 “Behold, **the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,**” **which is translated, “God with us.”** Mt 1:20-23*
- Jesus = He will save His people from sin

Christ = Messiah = Anointed

Jesus Christ = Savior Anointed

- *Anointing* introduced: “*holy anointing oil:*”
- *With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony; 27 the table and all its utensils, ... You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy.*
- *you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister to Me as priests Ex. 30:22-30*
- The also anointed prophets and kings. “*Jesus Christ*” is prophet, priest, and King

● For Moses truly said to the fathers, The Lord your **God will raise up for you a Prophet like me** from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23 And it shall be that **every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed** Acts 3:22-23

● consider **the Apostle and High Priest** of our confession, **Christ Jesus**, Heb 3:1-2, 4:12

● 12 **we have a great High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**,

● the Lamb will overcome them, for **He is Lord of lords and King of kings**; Rev 17:14

● He shall build the temple of the Lord. He shall bear the glory, And **shall sit and rule on His throne**; So He shall be **a priest on His throne**, Zech. 6:13

Jesus Christ – The Son of God

- Our Confession deepens, widens, strengthens
- The more we know, the greater our awe.
- *being exalted to the right hand of God*
- David said: “*The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’*” Acts 2:33-36
- What is the fulness of this exaltation?
- How do we visualize it?

At the Right Hand Exalted

- *Him God has exalted to His right hand to be **Prince and Savior**, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:31*
- *He raised Him from the dead and **seated Him at His right hand** in the heavenly places, **21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion**, Eph. 1:20-21*
- *who has **gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him**. 1Pet. 3:22*

The Exaltation of Jesus Christ

- *while they watched, He was taken up, and **a cloud received** Him out of their sight. Acts 1:9*
- What happened next? A figurative Picture:
- *Behold, One like the Son of Man, **coming with the clouds of heaven!** He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. **His dominion is an everlasting dominion**, which shall not pass away, **And His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.** Dan. 7:13-14*

A Description in Figurative Language

- *I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Rev. 5:1*
- *Behold, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.** Rev. 5:5*
- *Then I looked, and I heard **the voice of many angels around the throne**, the living creatures, and the elders; and **the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands**, 12 saying with a loud voice: **‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!’** Rev. 5:11-12*

Tying Things Together

- *I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. Jn. 17:4-5*
- *all authority has been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Mt. 28:18*
- *God “put all things in subjection under his feet,” 1Cor. 15:27*
- *the Son of Man ascended where He was before. Jn. 6:62*
- *I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God. Jn 20:17*

The “child” shall rule All Nations

- *“bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.” Rev. 12:5*
- *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, **even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.** Isa 9:6-7*

Another Figurative Description

- *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Rev. 1:8*
- *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," Rev. 1:11*
- *I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. Rev. 1:17-19*
- *He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 1 Cor 15:25-27*

The Confession: Now or Later?

- *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 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, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil 2:9-11*

- But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."
Heb 1:8-9

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