

Easter 2026

Title – Seated At The Right Hand

Prayer

Purpose/Review

He has RISEN...!!!

Jesus died for our sins... Amen, Amen, Amen

We know that Jesus is not on the cross anymore

The bible tells us that He is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling the universe.

How important is it for us to understand...

What is meant by Christ sitting at the right hand of the Father...

SERMON TITLE – Seated At The Right Hand

Without Jesus being seated in heaven, the gospel unravels... **Jeremy Treat**

BACKGROUND-

During the time of Christ... sitting on the Right-Hand side of the king

Signified the highest position of honor, authority and trust

Representing one who was second in command

Acting with the full power of the king

NOTE-

The early church understood how significant it is that Jesus is seated in heaven

We discover this truth in the Apostle's Creed

NOTE-

The Apostle's Creed is printed on the back of your bulletin

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty... Maker of heaven and earth
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit... Born of the Virgin Mary
Suffered under Pontius Pilate... Was crucified, dead, and buried

He descended into Hell...The third day He rose again from the dead
He ascended into heaven... And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit... The holy catholic church
The communion of saints... The forgiveness of sins
The resurrection of the body...And the life everlasting... Amen.

What does it mean that Jesus is seated at the Right hand of God...?

Why is it important to understand the significance of this truth...?

In order to begin to find our answers... we need to revisit the last words of Jesus...

Reading

John 19

30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

NOTE-

When John tells us that Jesus gave up His Spirit
He is emphasizing the fact that Jesus willingly gave His life

He was in complete control... and fulfilling what He had told the disciples previously

No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative.

His last words are curious... It is Finished...

What did He mean that it was finished...?

Most of us would likely answer...

To complete the plan of Salvation for mankind
That is promised in the Old Testament

Which is true... but there is so much more for us to understand...

It is finished...

3 words in English... one word in the original Greek... Tetelestai(te-TAL- is-ti)

It is Finished – completed; to accomplish a goal

Today we might equate it to the expression... Paid in Full

Listen to how bible scholars viewed this simple phrase... this one word...

Since the foundation of the world there never was a single word uttered, in which such diversified and important matter was contained. Every word indeed that proceeded from our Saviour's lips deserves the most attentive consideration... To do justice to it, is beyond the ability of men or angels: its height, and depth, and length, and breadth, are absolutely unsearchable...**Charles Simeon**

There is only one Greek word for this utterance of our Lord, although to translate it into English, we have to use three words—an ocean of meaning in a drop of language. Yet it would need all the other words ever spoken, or ever can be spoken, to explain this one word. It is altogether immeasurable. It is high—I cannot attain to it. It is deep—I cannot fathom it.... **Charles Spurgeon**

It is finished.... Why is this such an important statement to comprehend...?

Paul begins to give us answers to our question in his letter to the church at Ephesus...

TURN IN YOUR BIBLES TO Ephesians 1:3-8

Keep in mind our question...

What is meaning of the phrase.... It is finished...

Ephesians 1

3 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, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He lavished on us...

It is finished...

Paul tells us that...

He chose us in Him...

In Him we have the forgiveness of our sins...

Yes... This IS what Easter is all about...

Paul tells us that there is so much more for us to discover...

Now drop down to...

TURN IN YOUR BIBLES TO Ephesians 1:18-23

Ephesians 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, 19 and 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 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far 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. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

It is finished...

God raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places...

EXAMPLE-

Sitting down always means something...

In baseball it means you are out

In musical chairs it means you are in.

What is the meaning of Jesus sitting down in heaven...?

Or more precisely....

What does it mean for us that Jesus is...

Seated at the Right Hand... of God the Father...

Application

If we look closely at Paul is telling us... we discover 3 threads...

Church Slides

Seated at the Right Hand

- 1) Completion
- 2) Authority
- 3) Restored Human Royalty

Video – pause till I mention by itself

Seated at the Right Hand... Completion

Ephesians 1

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses

It is finished... the promised gift of Salvation is complete...

The writer of Hebrews gives us a clearer picture...

TURN IN YOUR BIBLES TO Hebrews 10:11-12

Hebrews 10

11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; 12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God

NOTE-

What the Law could not complete
Jesus sacrifice on the cross did

And because of the work that was completed by Jesus
Every believer now has access to the throne room of grace

Hebrews 4

16a Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace...

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- 2) **Authority**

Seated at the Right Hand... Authority

EXPLANATION-

Kings would place someone at their right hand to signify the highest authority

During the time of Christ the right hand was associated with strength and favor

Sitting at the king's right hand meant occupying the highest position of trust

Isn't this exactly what Paul tells us about Jesus...

Ephesians 1

20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion...

Jesus is not just above all rulers and authorities...

He is far above... all rulers and authorities...

Today we might use the expression... He is in a class all by Himself...

Just before His ascension... Jesus tells us

Matthew 28

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

All authority... is a clear claim of omnipotence

If Jesus did not have all authority...

Then all that He claims in the Gospels would be worthless

But Jesus does have all authority... and is in the place of absolute authority

Seated at the right hand of God the Father

And because of His authority...

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Seated at the Right Hand... Restored Human Royalty

Yes... human royalty...

Ephesians 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

NOTE-

Adam was made in the image of God
And was called to rule over the earth on God's behalf

Genesis 1

28 God blessed them; and God said to them, be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

NOTE-

We know that Adam and Eve sinned
And rather than spreading the blessings of God to the ends of the earth
They brought the curse of God upon His creation

NOTE-

The first Adam failed at his task of ruling over the earth on God's behalf.
Jesus... who Paul calls the last Adam

Came and by His sacrifice on the cross
Fulfilled every aspect that Adam had lost through sin

What does that do for us...

When Jesus said it is finished...

What else did Jesus accomplish for us...

Romans 5

17 For 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.

Reign...?

Reign – to govern; to exercise kingly power

Death reigned as an absolute monarch over all humanity

But those who receive the abundance of God's grace will reign in life...!!!

EXAMPLE-

William Newell (1868–1956) was an American theologian, pastor, and Bible teacher

Listen to what he says about this verse and its implications for us

Look now at this expression, reign as kings in life. I am writing this during the week of the coronation of George VI of England, and have heard of the splendors with which the ceremony was attended. But, ah, believer, look closely at these words of Paul, reign in life. Here is a kingdom before which all of earth is dust. And who are the kings here? Believers! Those whose humble faith has received the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness -- these shall reign as kings through Jesus Christ.

The JB Phillips bible... a Thematic Translation

Translates Romans 5:17 this way...

Romans 5 JB Phillips

17 For if one man's offence meant that men should be slaves to death all their lives, it is a far greater thing that through another man, Jesus Christ, men by their acceptance of his more than sufficient grace and righteousness, should live all their lives like kings!

Peter connects the dots between God calling His chosen people in the OT

With those who have been called by God today and received His abundant grace

1 Peter 2

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession

Let us read again what Paul wrote to the Ephesians...

Ephesians 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

I pray that your eyes may be opened to the hope of His calling...

To the riches of the glory of His inheritance...

We are children of the Most High God... Live that way

We should not live in the past on the other side of the cross...

No... we are more than conquerors... through Him who loved us...

We are a chosen race... a kingdom of priests

Who will rule with Christ forever and ever...

Revelation 3

21 He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

It is finished... Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father

Ruling with absolute authority... and He will invite us to sit down with Him

Colossians 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.

Yes... Jesus conquered death...

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