

The Message Wherein Ye Stand

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The gospel is a saving message that demands belief, and it is only by standing in the gospel and keeping it in memory that we can be sure of our salvation.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of relying on the Bible as the ultimate source of truth. He encourages people to bring their Bibles and not believe anything until they find it in the book. The preacher also highlights the significance of the gospel message, stating that it is the message that can save us if we stand in it and keep it in memory. He explains that the gospel is the message that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again, as testified by competent witnesses. The preacher concludes by emphasizing the command to believe in the gospel and the power it holds for salvation.

Transcript

15th chapter, 1st Corinthians, and we want to read in your hearing as you follow me, the first 11 verses. I want you, as soon as you've gotten to it, I've said this word, a very, very earnest attention, passage from God's Word.

It has not fallen to my lot, or yours, to live in the day of the rich, and it lasted only some teacher's seven years, and I don't read right, but there are some filing away, ever since a few years, that the predictions of this, he seized upon men, to bring blessing to his parched church, all of them had fallen short of getting us back to the New Testament, professing Christianity, an anti-Christian, and a despot, who had not yet gotten back to Jesus, and then the single moment in our lives, when it hadn't been vital, that ought to cause us to examine ourselves, and to look afresh, I want to urge you again, the type of messages I've been bringing, deliberately, we'll never get to see it, nor, in the meantime, we do all we find our hands to do, thank God for every raindrop of blessing

that has been in all of our days, for that reason, I think it's within the province of the visiting preacher, I believe we're going to have to go pay him some attention, terribly wrong, far out, is for, thus I believe that the greatest sign of something that looks like getting in a place where we might experience the blessing of God, would be a church full of people, not a building, but I mean people who make up the church, hungry to hear from God's word, and I believe that that's the lack of hunger, I read that Christian is meek, that

means he has a holy preference for what we are limping along with now, and I said, oh, let's say this, if I were he, I'd take these Sunday morning services, when you have the Sunday morning crowd, you know, and I just, Baptist used to make an effort to

practice, I'm a priest to him, I said, I know, but long gone churches, are in rebellion, you can preach till you're blue in the face, and it just goes down the rabbit hole, I don't know what he's going to do, but if he does that, you lay it on me, you see, he tells me that there's great resistance to my insistence on being under subjection to Christ in the local church, but your daddy believed that, and what he did is not the Bible teaches it, see, the pastor's taken around today a little bit, he'd point out that house as a member of the church, hadn't been in the church since I've been here, in this building, now your daddy wouldn't have put up with no such foolishness as that, and all of your daddies that put up with rebellion against the actions of the church, they say on Wednesday

night, we're going to be, tell the Bible of every member of the church to be there, if they're not working for Satan, amen, tell them the obligation to be there, if they're not done in rebellion, they're going to tell that church, hurry on you, we'll not be in subjection, now that's central, but the Bible's full of it, and yet I'm conscious of the fact that many dead people would say, well that preacher, he's bringing something strange, no, no, that's not strange, it's the Bible, so I'm saying that instead of bucking, we ought to get us the Bible, and come and get this godly preacher, he's one the Lord sent here, if he isn't, you ought to get rid of him, to teach your people the word of God, is that right?

You believe that God sent some in the church for the purpose of making good ministers out of the people, that's what the Lord said, and we can't know the will of God, we'll just hop off about something we know nothing about, you see, unless we become students, and somebody has to teach us, you say, well you mean tell me, I need somebody to teach me, yes sir, yes sir, do you hear me, that's right, oh, I lay it on your heart, that instead of having, he says, this guy takes about four on Wednesday night, and he teaches, I didn't teach Sunday morning, but he's still the pastor, I teach that Sunday morning prayer, come out to honor God with that prayer, they ain't there on Sunday night, boy, I get a good lick in on it, but it wouldn't be just to be mean, but it is so pitiful to hear people

bucking and raising, and talking about something they know nothing about, little girl up in Maryland not long ago, she came up to straighten me out, and she said she wanted to ask me a question, I said, would I be permitted just to word for you, ask a question, she said, sure, I said, have you studied your lesson, now I have, I don't know much, but I've been a student, I'm 61 years old, and I don't like to argue with somebody, I won't do it, and I don't like somebody, instead of the lesson, come tell me how to teach it, see what I'm driving at, my little girl, when she's eight, nine years old, when I'd come home, be home for a week in school time, she'd come cuddle up to my lap, and want me to hear her spelling, see if she could spell the words, and I'd always ask her, have you studied

them, and never had, she won't try to spell them, but I studied them, I'm talking sense, this book is what we need to cling to, because that's the book that tells us about the Lord, not what the word, but what the book says, and that's the reason I beg people, sometimes I fuss at people, bring your Bible, don't you dare believe anything until you find it in the book, and if you find it in the book, well, believe it if hell freezes over, and act on it, is that alright, let's become, you know, Baptist alone everywhere now, is people who long since got so smart, they don't need to study the book, I know that's so, but when it's teaching time, they don't show up, it's not a good sign, well, don't charge me for that, but God bless you, let's become acquainted with the book, with the book, now

tomorrow night, I want to preach on a thing that causes so much confusion, and it's unscriptural, and I dare to attack it, tomorrow night I'm going to speak on the subject, do men have a choice of accepting or rejecting Christ, of course, I'll be saying certainly not, certainly not, and yet, since I've been here, people have fallen out with the preaching, they say, I think, well, that weighs just as much as I think weighs, I think that a person ought to have a choice, of whether he'll accept Christ, or turn him down, well, that's what somebody thinks, but the Bible says no, men do not have a choice of accepting or rejecting Christ, you say, well, Don, you pray that, I've heard that all my life, I know, that's when I wish you get your Bible, and get under a Bible teacher, that's the

pastor, and just take the word, and then what the book says, what the book says, well, I dare you, in fact, it is terrible, it is terrible, for a person of effort, to go out from a Baptist church, and ring a doorbell, and get in a hall, and go through some motions, and stick out his hand, and ask a man, and say, brother, will you accept Christ, and yet, we've been taught, that's the way to do so, and since I've been made, I do it now, and that's blasphemy, it's anti-scripture, and I'm going to show it to you, I believe with all my heart, we're going to have to get back, to stick into what the Bible teaches, I believe that we could get some of the Bible truth, over to this generation of church people, they wouldn't go out, and butcher souls, like we've been butchering them, ever since

you've been around, so tomorrow night, I'm warning you, I want to handle, from the word of God, the best I'm able, to get that truth, all what faces men, is 10,000 times more solemn, than facing with a choice, the Bible faces men with a duty, not a choice, no man has been given the privilege, of deciding what he'll do, with Jesus Christ, that's fundamental, and you'll know, what the real affair is, tomorrow night, now hear me as we read these verses, I warn you, ever since you've been here, I haven't brought messages, that I usually bring in meetings, but I've been heavy hearted, and I've been going down, pretty heavy, I want, to do right, I will know, when I get to the judgment, how it's turned out, but I'm preaching with that day in mind, and I want tonight, to speak to you on the

message, the message, that if, we stand in it, and keep it in our memory, we'll save our soul, let me repeat the subject, there is a message, says the apostle Paul, in the verses we're going to read in a moment, and I want you to be looking for it, as we read it, the message he's going to be presenting here, he says will save us, if we stand in it, and if we keep it in memory, now those two qualifications, made me prick up my ears, especially in the day, that is going to fill hell, trusting something they said happened, a long time ago, for the promise is, that this message is saving, not if you say you believed it a long time ago, but if you stand in it, and if you keep it in memory, let's read about this message, beginning of verse one, Moreover brethren, I declare unto you, I don't

explain it, but I proclaim it, I declare unto you, the gospel, which I preached unto you, all is a little bolder, than the poor preacher talking to you, and I guess has a right to believe, but there's one thing, that I'm dogmatic about, and maybe wrong, what is the gospel, what the gospel does, Paul just comes right out, he don't get past where it started, he just says, this gospel, I preached it to you, he might not be straight on anything else, but he said, the gospel, the gospel, I'm talking about the one I preached, I declare unto you, the gospel, which I preached unto you, which also ye have, what you've received, and wherein ye stand, you're not only submitted to it, one time, but you're standing in it now, that's what it takes, by which also ye are saved, if you keep in memory,

what I preached unto you, and he said, what I preached unto you is the gospel, and you're saved, if you keep in memory, the gospel, and that's kind of a strange word, but here it is, unless, you've believed in

vain, and the expression, unless you've believed in vain, Greek scholars, who think I have to sit at the original language, say that that expression means, unless you've believed in the wrong thing, unless you listened to a message, and kept it in your memory, and stood it, that wasn't the right message, wasn't talking about the right person, that's a pretty serious thing, unless you believe the wrong message, now, what you deliver to us, this message, that we're to stand in, having received, and that will be to us, a saving message, if you keep it in memory, I wish I knew how to

count that a little bit, because I think we've come now, to a vital, vital sore spot, in what we call people being Christians now, I keep hammering away at men and women, that the only evidence a man has had, what we call the new birth, no man can tell you what the new birth is, the only on earth anybody can have the slightest evidence, that he's been born from above, is by fruit, and the fruit of the new birth, is repentance and faith, if a man knows what it is, to daily repent, and daily lean on Christ, he's got some evidence, that a work of the Holy Spirit, has been performed in him, somebody says, I was born again down at Possum Harbor, what he means is he had a feeling, that being born again, may be a white horse of different color, the only on earth you've got any evidence, you've

had the new birth, is by its fruit, well yeah, and the sure evidence, that that tree's an apple tree, there's some apples on it, the evidence, that the Spirit of God, has brought you into God's kingdom, is that daily repentance and faith, for the practice and experience of your life, I count on that, because we've handled repentance, as if it was something we did one time, and thank God we got that over, no it lasts as long as you live, and I handle this matter of faith, believing, oh yes I took Jesus, people say, I accepted Jesus as my personal savior, 20 years ago, well pray on that, about what you did today, did you lean on him, did you trust him, did you feast on his blessed blood today, that's what the scriptures talk about, unless you believe the wrong way, what did you tell us

Paul, well, he said, I delivered this tree unto you first of all, that which I also received, I didn't think it up, that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures, and that he was seen, of Cephas, and then he was seen of the Torah, of this verse four, and that he was baptized, and that he rose again the third day, according to the scriptures, now he said that's the message, that if you receive it, and if you stand in it, and if you keep it in the middle, it's a saving message, that's the same message, that Paul talks about in Romans 1 16, I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God, not your imitation, not your persuasion, but the gospel, is the power, the dynamite of God, unto salvation, to everyone that believes, the gospel, is the power there, to believe, now he says this

message, has been witnessed, got competent witnesses, of it's truth, verse five says, this one, who died according to the scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day, according to the scriptures, and one that asked to him, he has seen of Cephas, Cephas said I saw the risen Lord, and then he was seen of the plague, he said we saw it, and after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren, at once, at one time, five hundred people saw it, of whom the greater part, Paul says, is still living, but some are falling asleep, he's a pretty good witness, and he said there's some of them still around, and you can go talk to them, they'll tell you, they've seen the risen Lord, that's pretty good evidence, have a highway, a wreck on the highway down here, might have asked for somebody to

seize it, to be a witness, comes to court, they put him up on the stand, and said where were you when these two cars hit each other, and he said I saw them, so did you see the wreck, yes, they'll accept his testimony, now ladies and gentlemen, just between us girls, and the further evidence that's brought in, I'm 61 years old, and I ain't going to be around here for another hundred years, until somebody that was there,

tells me, that Jesus didn't rise from the dead, in the body, like the saying today, I'm going to believe the testimony of the Lord Peter, he said Isaiah, I saw him, now that's, that's pretty good, these were competent witnesses, and after that he was seen of James, and then of all the apostles, and last of all, Paul said I saw him, I'm a witness, I saw him as one born out

of due time, for I'm the least of the apostles, and I'm not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecute the church of God, but for the grace of God, and what I am, and his grace, which was bestowed upon me, was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God, which was with me, therefore, whether it were I, or they, so we preach, and so, ye, believe, now, follow me, as I get a little, like a teacher in school, for a moment, then we repeat it, this message, that if you receive it, and you stand in it, and you keep it in memory, in other words, it doesn't make a fleeting impression on you, it stays with you, this message that Paul says is the gospel, it's something to be declared, he says, I declare it, it's something to be preached, and it

never grows old to a child of God, you can hear it three times a day, 365 days a year, and it's still blessed, it's the children's bread, that's the gospel, now, this declared, preached message, Paul said, it's a fact, what this message talks about, actually took place, it took place in history, and it's testified to by competent witnesses, what is, this message, what is the gospel, what is this gospel message, if I could receive it, and always in the New Testament, the word receive means submit, for after all is said and done, the gospel is Christ, and the Christ is the gospel, and the gospel comes, in that sense it's a law, and it demands, it demands belief, God, don't tell people, it'd be awful nice if you believed the gospel, the Lord said, repent ye and believe the gospel, don't

argue about it, don't make up your mind what you're going to do about it, the command of Christ is to believe, no man has got the choice of it, he's commanded to, now what is this gospel, well, it's that Christ died for our sins, that's the first thing in it, no, that isn't it, it's Christ died for our sins according to the scripture, and that's what we've left out for about 60 years, every preacher, I don't care what his denomination is, what his little sect is, the Mormons, the whole outfit, the Baptists, the Methodists, the Presbyterians, the Catholics, the Episcopalians, everybody now, preaches the death of Christ, they just leave out one little minor matter, they don't preach according to the scripture, you see, they'd rather give that power a little bit, please take heed, instead of

preaching the death of Christ according to the scripture, man can't preach the death of Christ, and let it be a part of the gospel, unless he preaches it, doing what the scripture said it would do, preaching it according to what the scripture said would take place, and this is vital, the death of Christ in it's biblical meaning, who is it? what did he die for?

I'll tell you what I believe he died for, wait just a minute, no, let's find out what the bible said about it, and proclaim the death of Christ, after the time of what the old testament laid out, this is why he died, this is what will be accomplished by his death, this is vital, Mr. D.L.

Rudy, when he lay on his death bed years since, he said none of his part in war, but the preachers who came after him had their work cut out for them, and I want us to get to it, he said I could go up and down America and England, and exhort men and women to believe in Jesus Christ, and they understood who he was and what I meant by it, but he said not so now, he said we must be like teachers, and we must take the time to tell people who he is, and what it means to believe on him, and we'll gain time by taking that time, I call your attention to the fact that this generation has been invited, to put their faith in the death of

Christ, without being faced with what the scripture says, about who it is that died, and why he died, and what he died to accomplish, now I'm preaching the gospel,

not preaching the death of Christ, I'm preaching the death of Christ according to the scripture, what's the second thing in the gospel, it's the burial, he was buried, he was buried, he actually died, and he was actually raised from the dead, that's the significance of his burial, he didn't just play like he died, he died, he wasn't just a ghost that was raised, he was raised, he was buried, you don't bury live people, and you don't raise live people, you have to raise dead people, now suppose we preach the death of Christ as a tragedy, oh I'm terrible, that awful tragedy, I'm the best man that ever lived, who knew no sin, suppose we preach it as a tragedy, and get people to seem awful sorry, that Jesus hung on a cross, is that preaching the death of Christ according to the scriptures, oh

no, it wasn't a tragedy brother, it was the purpose of almighty God, God almighty hung him on that tree, it wasn't a terrible tragedy, it was the most blessed thing that ever happened, when God's loving sinners enough, raised this son, hung him on that cross, men did it, but God did it, and God has explained it, the story on that foolishness, I quit trying to explain the scripture, just declare it, you say I can't understand it, who said you could, him being delivered, by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, somebody had to get on the telephone, and tell God your son is hanging on a cross, that all happened because I marked it out from foolish ever start, ye have with wicked hands taken the flesh, so men with malice before us all, hung him on the cross, but deeper than that,

glory, glory, glory, God hung him on that cross, it wasn't a tragedy, it's now when Satan was defeated, it's now when sin was paid for, it's now when the holiness of God was satisfied, and the law of God was vindicated, it's now when the fountain was opened up for uncleanness, glory, glory, glory, it wasn't a tragedy, was it preached as a martyrdom, Christ was ahead of his time, and blind men killed him, is that preaching the death of Christ, according to the scripture, no, no, he wasn't a martyr, he went there on purpose, he went there on purpose, no man taketh my life from me, I lay it down, I lay it down, he wasn't a martyr ahead of his time, he went there on purpose, so what's it like when these civil rights demonstrators, you know, want to get put in jail, you know, for the cause,

no, no, like those Buddhist monks who are in Vietnam, putting coal on them, setting fire to themselves, and burning up in the square, for the cause, no, no, the Lord Jesus Christ, wasn't doing that, no, no, listen, only, hear me now, only as an atonement, what does that mean, only, preaching the death as the action of a holy God, in absolute pain, the penalty, of a science in, only that, is preaching the death of Christ, according to the scripture, life upon life, offering upon offering, sacrifice upon sacrifice, the Old Testament build up, one day in the goodness of God, in due time, the soul of the living God, all God and all man, is to go to a burning tree, to pay, the penalty of the broken heart, hear me, everyone, we all believe that, do it, do it, my only hope, my only thing, for

that Jesus died, and he died for me, do we believe that, is that our dependence, this generation of Baptists tell me, that they believe they are saved because they say they accepted Jesus, I don't see no power in that, there is power in the blood, but not in your actions, in spite of your profession, in spite of that little decision you say you made, it's your own little, do you lean on it all the time, first nothing, mindless nothing, but the only way God Almighty can deal with you, is on the basis of his son, representing you, dying in your stead, utterly, no hope anywhere else, except in death, now for another moment, is a man preaching gospel, if he preaches the death of Christ, in it's bible significance according to the scripture, as a payment for sin, as a satisfaction of God's

holy character, if he preaches the death of Christ and that's all, no sir, that's not the gospel, but listen brother Barnard, now people tell me, and I hope to goodness people are better in their hearts than they are in their language, but brother Barnard what I'm doing, I'm trusting in the blood of Christ, I'm saying no you're not honey, that isn't the gospel, that's part of it, but that ain't the gospel, that's part of it, but that's not the gospel, you better listen to me, we give lip service to the gospel today, but we don't preach it, and I'm facing you denial to the fact that the gospel, if you hear it, if you could receive it, and you'd stand to it, and keep it in your memory, it says it will save you, but the gospel ain't the death of Christ, the death of Christ is a part of the

gospel, you can preach and get people to say, well I believe Jesus died for me, but that ain't going to save nobody, that ain't going to save nobody, you say well I accept that Christ is my personal savior, but that ain't going to save nobody, because he's much more than a savior, oh, he's preaching the death of Christ, and all his biblical meaning, and preaching that alone, is that the message of the savior, no sir, that's the first part of it, but that ain't all, and brother Barnabas knows what he's talking about, God help us, we better start quick booking, and come to the moment, we fill America with men and women, who will tell you in all sincerity and earnest, I know I'm saved, because I'm trusting in what Jesus did on the cross, they'll tell you they're trusting in the finished work

of Christ, and that sounds awful good, but you won't see it, a dead Christ can't save nobody, a dying Christ can't save nobody, oh, he's preaching the death of Christ, not on you brother, no, oh, but I'm saved, that the death of Christ alone, never saves anybody, I'm saying the death of Christ alone, is not the gospel, what is the gospel, how that Christ died for our sins according to scripture, how that he was buried, and how he rose again the third day, it takes all of that, to make up the message that if you receive, and stand in it, and keep it in your memory, that message saved in your late old heart, will save your search for, but I say it with a bleeding heart, we have given lip service in our day, we quoted man, and we have almost quit, even making even mention, of the risen Lord,

he didn't stay in that grave, did he have, that he wound up, no sir, no sir, the gospel is the declaration, the proclamation of, some facts, Christ died according to scripture, Christ was buried according to scripture, God was, Christ was raised, what part, according to the scripture, why was he raised, why was he raised, what's the meaning, what's the meaning of the text, he was raised according to the scripture, I've been saying, for many many years, the fact I say it don't make it so, but I've been saying it, that Jesus is Christ today, anybody on earth, have no difficulty, in accepting it, that Jesus, who not only died, as the only payment for sin, and was buried, to prove his death, that Jesus, in the other grave, is not dead, he's alive, and it's not Jesus, that has power to say,

not the dead Jesus, it has his place, but if your faith, is in what he did on the cross, you're trusting something, you need, to put your dependence in him, who was on the cross to do, what men cannot do for themselves, now he's not on the cross, we almost have a death rattle, of vital godliness and holiness, God knows, I thank God, for the confirmation, that the risen Christ gives, to the truth of Christendom, the theologians are all telling us now, that there's no way to talk about Jesus, being bodily raised from the dead, that there's no way, you can bring that teaching into a court, or into human history and prove it, it's after all they say historical, and ladies and gentlemen better listen to me, except for this book, the goddess, all we've got is the record, of this book, that's

right, but he was raised from the dead, according to the scriptures, the scriptures said he would do it, said why he'd do it, said what would be the result of it, being raised from the dead, he tried, to give an answer

to the truth, to send us heaven, we do not go to the virgin birth of Christ, we do not go to the miracles of Christ, we do not go to the sinless life of Christ, we do not go to the death of Christ, but we point men to one thing, the risen Christ, and that answers the whole business, if he isn't risen, the virgin birth is not worth a dime, if he isn't risen, the sinless life is no good, if he isn't risen, his miracles are no good, if he isn't risen, his death is no good, but if he isn't risen, what your mother and father believed about this book, so brother, is God's truth,

it will do to live by, and it will do to die by, it's the confirmation, of the truth, he says here in verse 14, if Christ be not risen, then I'll preach in vain, and your faith is all so vain, yeah and we're a bunch of liars, we've found false witnesses of God, but everything hangs on just one thing, the new testament hangs the whole truth of the Christian revelation on one thing, that's the resurrection of Jesus Christ, he says that's not so, but the whole outfit goes down the drain, but bless God if it is so, all of it so, we've found false witnesses of God, because we testify of God, that he raised up Christ, whom he raised not up, if so be that they're dead, Christ no more, the second result, of the resurrection of Christ, is this, the resurrection of Christ, is a confirmation, of

what Christ accomplished, when he went on the cross, he actually, got a job done, he didn't try to do it, he did it, he could say at that phase of his ministry, it's finished, all hell can't change, what did he do, ladies and gentlemen, the resurrection confirms, what he did, when sin was placed on the head of my Lord, it pressed him down to guessing in his garden, where he swept three drops of blood, it pressed him down to death, it pressed him down to the grave, how do we know, that the sins which were laid on him, are gone, that they're gone away with, that they'll haunt us, now haunt us in eternity, how do we know, just one way, by the resurrection from the dead, the whole madness hinges on, this one great act of almighty God, the death of Christ, wouldn't have resulted in the

salvation of a single sin, that had been the last of that story, Christ would remain in the grave, the apostle Paul tells us, in the book of Romans, about the Lord Jesus Christ, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered, he hung on that cross, on a cowl of our fences, and was raised again, on a cowl of our justification, that's what the scripture says, by my liberation from the dead, because God wants to justify some men, making bread on the basis of Christ, work on the cross, being acceptable, and the proof of that word, is that God raised him from the dead, I left a turn, in the bible now and then, just for my soul satisfaction, and read one more time, I'm going to read it near here, And God, who at sundry times, and in diverse manners, spake in

time past, unto the fathers, by the prophets, hath in these last days, spoken to us by a son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, but more so he made the world, who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things, by the word of his power, after he had by himself, purged our sins, and what happened?

He sat down, on the right hand of the majesty of man, he sat down, he went back to the father, after he hung on the cross, and you know what that means, the father said, you've done a good job son, I accept you, I can save the vile sinner out of hell, who can believe in Christ, because of what you've done, sit down, you've done a good job, oh that was the father's acceptance, of what his son did on the cross, when everyone was ill, if a fellow could be brought to wear, he did it, he could put his faith, and that which God says, is a mighty good job brother, it's a mighty good job, but the last word, the resurrection of Christ, confirms that Christianity is sold, people fighting it now, nations trying to wipe it off the face of the earth, godless materialism in America, threatening to

destroy every church in America, where it's sold, what Christ did on the cross, God said that's a good job, oh if a man can be united to that person, who did what he did on that cross, he'd be alright, but the last result of the resurrection, is this, the resurrection of Christ, placed him on the throne, now we're at the heart of, verse 25 of the same chapter, verse 24, then come at the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the father, when he shall have put down all ruin, all authority and power, for he must reign, he must reign, he's reigning now, how long, till he has put all enemies under his feet, he's reigning now, what's Jesus doing now, he's reigning, he's reigning, oh bless the lord, the resurrection of Christ, he didn't come out of that grave, just to

meet his friends in the cemetery, he didn't come out of the grave, he'd just come up and say hello to the folks in the upper room, bless the lord, came out of that grave to ascend to the right hand of God the father, there he is clothed in all power in heaven and earth, forevermore, hallelujah, that's what happened, God raised him, put him on the throne, in Acts chapter 2, we read afresh, this Jesus whom God hath raised up, whereof we are all witnesses, therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the father the promise of the holy ghost, this one has shed forth this, which he's now seeing here, and if you turn to the book of Ephesians, I like to read this, which he wrote in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, that's God wrote it, when he raised Christ

from the dead, what God do, and set him at his own right hand, in the heaven of places, far above all principality and power, and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come, and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, that filleth him, that filleth all in all, what is the meaning of Christ was raised according to the scripture, it means Christianity, so folks, it means that God named it all on that one act, it means that what he did on the cross is acceptable to God, and God now can be just, and to justify the ungodly, it means that Christ is a living Lord, he's a living Lord, if you do not know Christ on the cross, dying to pay for sin, you don't know

him, if you do not know Christ ruling from a throne, with power to change and transform, you do not know, the gospel is a blessed story, of one who went to a bloody tree, to pay for sin of believers, and whom God put on the throne, to rule forevermore, and the first time you ever hear the gospel, as gospel, you will be saved, you stand in it, you never grow old, you keep it in memory, praise the Lord, oh, a man saved, when he knows Christ Jesus, the bloody Christ, now the exalted Lord, and when he says, I'm glad, he's on the throne, I'm glad, I'm glad, I don't know who to stand in, you stand in it, keep it in your memory, never forget that, there will be a time, when you depend on him himself to have it, there is a message, that if received, still here, and kept, in your memory, will save

you, it's a message, Christ on a cross, paying for sin, Christ on a throne, ruling your life, that's it, if you do not know him, that way, you do not know, the Christ of the gospel, do not know him, put your bow your heads out, father, we pray, the best I know how, to take out,

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