



Home for Christmas

an Advent Series

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King
Ephesians 1:20–23

Series Outline: Humble Servant, Divine King

Ephesians 1:15–23

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, **16** I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, **17** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, **18** having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, **19** and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might **20** that he worked 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 above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. **22** And he put all things 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.

Christ is king because of

His Life – v. 20a

- “that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead”
- “It’s a revelation of glory, not a promotion of glory” (Josh Hagans).
- The Life Jesus has he gives to us.
 - “20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death” (1 Corinthians 15:20–26).
- His resurrection proves Jesus’ life will never end.

His Honor – v. 20b

- “seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
 - Christ sits down because his work is accomplished
 - Christ sits down at the right hand of God because he is due honor and privilege
- His exaltation proves Jesus’ rule will never end.

His Authority – vv. 21–22

- “21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church”
- His Authority proves Jesus’ rule extends over all created things.

His Glory – v. 23

- “which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all”
- “As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. 2 And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house. 3 When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever” (2 Chronicles 7:1–3).
- His glory proves Jesus’ divinity from eternity.

Christ is king because of the life, honor, authority, and glory given to him.

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God

is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:1–4).

“He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20).