



## [8] The Present and Future Work of Christ | November 16, 2014

This is the last week in the sermon series, *What Do I Believe*. We'll look at two questions: where is Jesus today and what are some of His present and future activities?

### His Present Position

[Q] From the following verses, what is Jesus' present position and the extent of His authority?

1 Peter 3:22

Ephesians 1:20-21

[Q] What encouragement does this give you right now? Please explain.

### His Present Work

The fact that Jesus now sits at the right hand of God in heaven does not mean that He is just sitting there. He is also described as standing at God's right hand (Acts 7:56) and as walking among the seven golden lampstands in heaven (Revelation 2:1).

Just as a human king sits on his royal throne, but also engages in many other activities throughout each day, so Christ sat at the right hand of God as powerful evidence of the completion of His earthly redeeming work and His receiving of authority over the universe, but He is certainly engaged in other activities as well.

[Q] What is Jesus' current work in each of the following verses?

Romans 8:34

Hebrews 7:25

1 John 2:1

**For further study:** Jesus' prayer in John 17 gives us an idea of the kinds of things He talks about with His Father.

[Q] What are some ways your own prayer life might change and grow as you realize you and Jesus are, in effect, praying together?

Read Ephesians 1:22-23:

*And God placed all things under [Christ's] feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,  
<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. NIV*

[Q] What kind of *Head* is Jesus? Describe His leadership from each of the following passages:

Ephesians 4:15-16

Ephesians 5:23-32

John 10:27-28

Matthew 16:18

[Q] What does Christ's leadership in these verses mean to you? Does it comfort, strengthen or challenge you? Explain.

## The Future

[Q] According to John 14:1-3 and Hebrews 9:28, what will Jesus do in the future? Are you looking forward to this? Why or why not?

[Q] We've looked at a number of Jesus' activities. Which ones do you need to trust Him for this week?

## Pray

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