

8.b. THE GLORIE'S AND EXCELLENCES OF CHRIST

In our studies on "The Holy Spirit", lesson 6B dealt with the Spirit's work in Christ's ministry, and we discussed the person of our Lord as being both God and man. But all the attributes of Jesus as God, and Jesus as man, filled with the Holy Spirit are the person who intercedes for us at the Throne of Grace.

Christ is all of His deity in one person. Free from sin, full of love, full of Grace and compassion for His people. Uniting both natures, human and divine, it was this union of man and God that enabled Christ to bear the sins of those that God had preordained for salvation. If Christ had not been man, He could not have suffered for men, and if He were not God, He could not have satisfied infinite justice. It was the divine plan of God, and it was only conceivable through the infinite wisdom of God the Father.

Because Christ is both God and man in one person, He has become an endless reservoir and source of Grace for all those who believe. The Father endowed all Grace to the Lord Jesus. This Grace is now exercised by the Holy Spirit to guide, teach, and comfort us in our daily lives. The Holy Spirit does this by regeneration - renewing the Knowledge and commitment of man to God. We would not have a deeper understanding of who God is, and what He has done for us if it were not revealed to us by the indwelling Holy Spirit after we have been born again.

In **REV 1:17**, Jesus tells John that He is the Alpha and Omega - the First and the Last. So, everything that exists or happens from beginning to end, Christ is there. Not only is He there but He controls it all. Spurgeon uses the analogy that the Lord measures out each drop of our trials and tribulations as one would medicine. For they are indeed medicine, to restore obedience into us.

This ceaseless fountain of Grace from the Lord Jesus is directed into the hearts of His people, as and where necessary. We might need Grace in our lives in this particular area at certain times of our lives. A Christian's life is dynamic, it is always changing, and therefore our needs of Grace change. The omniscient God knows that, and therefore deals with these issues as and when necessary.

Because Christ fulfilled to complete satisfaction, of the Father, the price paid for our sins, infinite justice has been satisfied. Thus, Christ is now able to bestow Grace to those in need. All that we need is to be found in Christ. We are thus delivered from the wrath to come.

Christ is the only one fit to be mediator between God and man. The reason for this is that Christ is both God and man in one person. So, He is one with us, and one with God. He is the power of God and the wisdom of God. We have nothing else given us to draw us to Christ, other than this glorious revelation of Him. This revelation should be clearer and clearer to us as we walk the way of salvation. Should not our hearts and our thoughts be always taken up by Him?

The glorious excellences of Christ, also lies in the fact that all authority has been granted to Him. We know that God has exalted Christ as a result of His obedience unto to death on the cross. **HEB 2:8** "All things are put in subjection under His feet" **MATT 28:18** "... All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me". The person with the authority is the one in charge. His instructions to us are contained in the gospels. If we have any discernment, we would know which side of the bread has been buttered!! **MIC 5:4** "He rules His elect in the power of God" Those who reject Christ's authority have one destination - the fiery lake of burning sulphur.

Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Somebody seated at your right hand, is the one that has your authority. In the secular world we refer to people in authority as being "Their right hand man"

Christ has absolute command and absolute right to deal as He pleases. Christ has received a name above every name **PHIL 2:9**, and that name is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings. Nothing is left that is not subject to Him.

Christ rules with sweet effectiveness and with serene power. He rules with terror and vengeance and certain destruction towards the rebellious angels and men. For this reason, every knee shall bow before Him. He is the one that we owe our own allegiance to. He is the one to whom we will be betrothed to. He is the one who is our redeemer and husband.

May we bow before Him with humble and contrite hearts.