


God Spoke - and God Speaks 
A Study Through The Epistle Called Hebrews

2 Christ Is Superior
To The Angels

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2.1 Uniqueness of Jesus, God In The Flesh



Hebrews 1:3 (KJV) "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

Having declared in verse 2 that God the Father *has spoken* to us by His Son, that He has *surrendered* all things to His Son, and that He made all things *through* His Son, now the text assures us that Jesus Christ is *the revealed member of the Godhead*.

being the brightness¹ of his glory²

¹ apaugasma {pronounced ap-ow'-gas-mah}, reflected brightness

² doxa {pronounced dox'-ah}, glory

Just as the moon reflects the light of the unseen sun during the night, Jesus Christ came into the world to reflect or mirror the glory of God. Jesus is called the "Light of the world":

John 8:12 (KJV) "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

John 9:5 (KJV) "As **long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**"

Until the time when Jesus came into the world no man saw God face to face. Moses came the closest to anyone of seeing God, for the Scripture says he saw God's back:

Exodus 33:20-23 (KJV) "And he said, **Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.** {21} And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: {22} And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: {23} And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen."

but not God's face. No man can see God face to face and live, for we are sinful and God is perfect. And so it was, from Old Testament times until the time that God the Son took on flesh and humanity:

Hebrews 2:16-17 (KJV) "For **verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.** {17} Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

no man ever saw God. To see God face to face would bring death. Jesus Christ came from eternity, very God of very God, and took on humanity so we could look on Him. When you see Jesus you see **God in the flesh**,

John 1:18 (KJV) "No man hath seen God at any time;

the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."

John 14:9 (KJV) "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;** and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?"

<p>If you have seen Me, You have seen the Father</p>	<p>Colossians 1:15 (KJV) "Who is the <u>image of the invisible God</u>, the firstborn of every creature." Colossians 1:16 (KJV) "For <u>by him</u> were all things created ... all things were created by him, and for him." Colossians 1:17 (KJV) "And he is before all things, and <u>by him</u> all things consist."</p>	<p>And to see Jesus is to see the Father. It is not, as the Modalists teach, that Jesus Christ <i>is</i> both the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit all at once. This is heresy. However, Jesus Christ is God the Son, the <i>revealed</i> Member of the Godhead, as we also see in Colossians. Jesus Christ is not <i>a lesser god</i> as the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses would have Him to be - nor is He the <i>play acting god</i> of the United Pentecostal Church - He is the <i>visible Member of the Trinity of God</i>, God who became flesh and dwelt among us.</p> <p>John 1:14 (KJV) "And</p>
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the **Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**"

Dr. Gouge in his excellent commentary of 1650 stated of this passage:

"No resemblance taken from any other creature can more fully set out the mutual relation between the Father and the Son: "1. The brightness issuing from the sun is the same nature that the sun is—cf. John 10:30. 2. It is of as long continuance as the sun: never was the sun without the brightness of it—cf. John 1:1. 3. The brightness cannot

no sun, as have the brightness thereof severed from it—cf. Proverbs 8:30. 4. This brightness though from the sun is not the sun itself—cf. John 8:42. 5. The sun and the brightness are distinct from each other: the one is not the other—cf. John 5:17. 6. All the glory of the sun is this brightness—cf. John 17:5; 2 Corinthians 4:6. 7. The light which the sun giveth the world is by this brightness—cf. John 14:9 . . . Thus the Son is no whit inferior to the Father, but every way His equal. He was brightness, the brightness of His Father, yea, also the brightness of His Father's glory. Whatever excellency soever was in the Father, the same likewise was in the Son, and that in the most transplendent manner. Glory sets out excellency; brightness of glory, the excellency of excellency."

1. The phrase "brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power" emphasizes that Jesus Christ is _____ to God.
2. Jesus often used _____ to describe Himself in relationship to the world (**John 8:12; 9:5**).
3. In the Old Testament it was *impossible* to look on God's _____ and live (**Exodus 33:20-23**). Jesus Christ took on _____ so we could look on the face of God (**Hebrews 2:16-17; John 1:18; John 14:9**)
4. To see Jesus is to see the _____ (**John 14:9**)

be separated from the sun: the sun may as well be made

2.2 Who Helped Jesus Save?



Hebrews 1:3 (KJV) "... when he had by himself purged¹ our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

Who helped Jesus Christ pay for our sins? No one, for the Scripture says that He **by Himself** purged¹ our sins. This is the Greek word *katharismos*¹ {pronounced kath-ar-is-mos'}, which means *to make ceremonially clean*. These points need to be made:

¹ First, the Levitical priest performed a ritual which *atoned* or purified the altar of God. The Bible tells us:

Exodus 29:36-37 (KJV) "And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement: and thou

shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it. {37} Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy."

Blood had to be shed on the *altar* to purify the altar so it could be used for the sacrifice. Further,

2 The priest offered sacrifice on the altar for *the people and for himself* each year during Yom Kippur:

Exodus 30:10 (KJV) "And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it {the altar} once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD."

3 Further, the priest offered the life of *the innocent* animal to atone for the sins of himself and the people:

Hebrews 9:6-7 (KJV) "Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. {7} But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:"

Yet Jesus Christ purged our sins *by Himself*. No outside source was used, no animal, no blood of an innocent outside of Himself. Jesus Christ is not only Priest,

making sacrifice for our sins, but He is the:

John 1:29 (KJV) "... Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

5. Who helped Jesus Christ in the *salvation of souls*? (Hebrews 1:3)

6. What are the three reasons that the *Levitical offerings* were insufficient to save? (Exodus 29:36-37; 30:10; Hebrews 9:6-7)

7. Jesus Christ is the One and Only _____ (John 1:29)

2.3 Jesus Better Than The Angels



Hebrews 1:4 (KJV) "**Being made¹ so much better² than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.**"

¹ Aorist Middle Participle ginomai {pronounced ghin'-om-ahee}, becoming, having become

² kraitton {pronounced krite'-tohn}, more excellent

Though those who follow ancient heresies common among cults like the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormons may use this text to show Christ inferior to Almighty God, they do so by ignoring all contexts within
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this passage. In **verse 2** we see Jesus Christ as the *very Conduit* by which God created all things. In **verse 3** we see that Jesus Christ is the *exact image* of God, and the revealed Member of the Godhead. Now in **verse 4** we see Christ revealed as *superior to the angels*. The Greek *kreitton*² {pronounced krite'-tohn}, meaning "more excellent", is used repeatedly throughout Hebrews to show how Jesus Christ is the *more excellent* means by which God redeemed those who believe. In **Hebrews 7:22** Jesus is the one Who ushers in the *better covenant*. In **Hebrews 8:6** Jesus is the *better Mediator* of this better covenant. In **Hebrews 10:34** Jesus is the securer of a *better inheritance* for those who believe. In **Hebrews 11:16** the believer has a *better country* to go to called heaven. In **Hebrews 12:24** Jesus purchased this *better covenant* with His own blood. Though God has not changed from old to new Testament, our perspective has changed - and *for the better*.

It is interesting that some cults claim Jesus Christ to be no more than *an angel from heaven*. The Mormons promote Christ as the spirit brother of Lucifer. Yet Hebrews 1:4 declares that Jesus is "**so much better² than the angels**". Though even my mother, God bless her, loves to collect ceramic



8. The one word that describes Jesus Christ over everything and everyone else is _____
(Hebrews 1:4)

angels of all types, these "angels" are only artists *imaginative ideas* as to what true angels are. True angels are beings composed of light, called in:

Hebrews 1:14 ^(KJV) "Are they not all ministering **spirits**, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

"spirits" or *pneuma*, something without bodies as we have bodies. Man was formed of the dust of the ground, but angels from light. Angels are called *stars* of God:

Isaiah 14:13 ^(KJV) "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the **stars of God**: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:"

and the *stars of Heaven*:

Revelation 12:3-4 ^(KJV) "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. {4} And **his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven**, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

as we see when we see the passages where Satan (Lucifer) tried to set himself above God, and led a third part of Heaven into rebellion against the Almighty. God spoke through the Prophet Ezekiel to describe Lucifer who, before he fell,

Ezekiel 28:14-15 ^(KJV) "Thou art the anointed cherub
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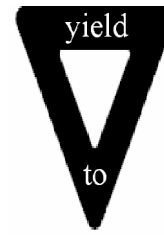
that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. {15} Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."

"Walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire", a reference to the angelic hosts. Angels are not only composed of a different substance than man, but angels are also vastly more powerful. How powerful? In 2 Kings we see when the King of Assyria, Sennacherib, brought a vastly superior force against the children of Israel. We read:

2 Kings 19:35-36 (KJV) "And it came to pass that night, that the **angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.** {36} So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh."

9. Angels are *created beings* composed of _____ and possessing _____. (Isaiah 14:13; Revelation 12:3-4; Ezekiel 28:14-15; 2 Kings 19:35-36)

One angel went into the Assyrian camp and killed 185,000 armed and trained troops *in one night*. How powerful is an angel? Consider that, then answer the question yourself. Angels are *vastly powerful* to mere mortal men, but angels are created beings just as men are created beings. And *Jesus Christ is vastly superior* to the angels because He is not created, but the Creator.



Doctrine of Angels

By their actions angels recognized the superiority of Christ.

1 Angels **acted as servants to the Christ.**

They announced His coming incarnation to Joseph (**Matthew 1:20**), to Mary (**Luke 1:26-38**) and to others. The fallen angel Lucifer attacked Jesus at the start of His ministry (**Matthew 4**), and when the evil one left the Bible says "**BEHOLD angels came and ministered unto him**" (**Matthew 4:11; Luke 22:43**). When Jesus rose from the grave angels announced His resurrection and ascension (**Matthew 28:2-8; John 20:12-13; Acts 1:10-11**).

Angels are **not truly the pretty cherubic child with lovely wings that we often see represented** in modern art and curios. Though angels in the Bible often appear in human form, as they did at the ascension of Jesus:



Acts 1:10-11 (KJV) "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, **two men stood by them in white apparel;** {11} Which also said, **Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into**

heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

One of the most detailed accounts of a human encounter with an angel is found in the prophesy of the birth of Samson. An angel of God appeared to Samson's mother and told her:

Judges 13:3 (KJV) "And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son."

When this woman ran and told her husband **Manoah** about this visitation she said:

Judges 13:6 (KJV) "Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A **man of God** came unto me, and **his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible¹**: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:"

that he was **a man of God with a terrible countenance**. This is the Niphal Participle of yare' {pronounced yaw-ray'}, which means *something to be feared or dreaded*. These are not the words of someone who saw a *pretty cherubic child*, but they are the words of someone who *was greatly frightened* by what she saw.

10. Are angels the *cute, cherubic little beings* you see depicted in art and television?

2 Angels are very active in the affairs of the Church. They **rejoice every time a soul accepts Christ as Savior**:

Luke 15:10 (KJV) "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

The angels are present at the death of a believer, and transport the soul of the redeemed to paradise:

Luke 16:22 (KJV) "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and **was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom**: the rich man also died, and was buried;"

Angels surround - and will protect - God's Beloved, those who love Him:

Psalms 34:7 (KJV) "The **angel of the LORD** encampeth round about them that fear him, and **delivereth them**."

Matthew 18:10 (KJV) "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That **in heaven their angels** do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

Psalms 91:9-11 (KJV) "Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; {10} There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. {11} For **he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways**."

The angel of the Lord released the Apostles from prison (Acts 5:19; 12:7), told Stephen to go and see the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26), told Cornelius that his prayers were answered (Acts 10:3), and comforted the Apostle Paul in his time of imprisonment (Acts 27:23). The angels of God

Hebrews 1:14 (KJV) "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

minister to the "heirs of salvation", the saints of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

3 Angels are watching what we do - or fail to do.

Angels are joyous when a person is saved (Luke 15:10). The angels watched the Apostles as they worked in the early Church (1 Corinthians 4:9; Ephesians 3:10). The Godly woman's loving submission to her husband is watched by the angels (1 Corinthians 11:10). Angels are witnesses to our actions (1 Timothy 5:21), and are *fascinated* by the Gospel of salvation. When Lucifer fell from Heaven no provision was made for His salvation. When Adam fell in the Garden, an act that brought sin and death on all creation, God offered His Son to atone for our sins (John 3:16-18):

1 Peter 1:12 (KJV) "Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the

angels desire¹ to look² into."

"Desire¹" is the Present Active Indicative of the Greek epithumeo {pronounced ep-ee-thoo-meh'-o}, which literally means to **keep on having a strong desire to inspect** (parakupto² {pronounced par-ak-ooop'-to}). When Lucifer rebelled in Heaven Michael the archangel fought him (Jude 1:9; Revelation 12:7-9), and Lucifer was cast out of Heaven. The angels are therefore *fascinated* with God's provision of salvation to us, knowing that *hellfire* was designed and reserved for those angelic beings who revolted with Lucifer:

Matthew 25:41 (KJV) "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"

11. Angels are very active in the affairs of the _____.

12. Did Jesus Christ die to save the angelic host? Whom did He die for?

4 There are **many different kinds of angels**. The *archangels* rule over all the other angels. Lucifer is a fallen archangel. The other two archangels that we know of are Michael (Daniel 10.13; 12.1; 10.21; Jude 1:9; Revelation 12.7) and Gabriel (Daniel 8.16; 9.21; Luke 1.19,26; Matthew 1.20; 2.13,19; 28.2; AC 5.19; 8.26; 16

10.3; 12.7; 12.23; 27.23; Luke 2.9; 22.43). Though both archangels are terribly powerful, Gabriel seemed to be most active in the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ.

There are *cherub* and *seraph* angels. The *archangels* are actually *cherub* angels. Lucifer was called the **anointed cherub that covereth** (Ezekiel 28:14). The *seraphim* are seen worshiping around the Throne of God:

Isaiah 6:2-3 (KJV) "Above it stood the **seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.** {3} And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."

There are *ruling angels* (Ephesians 1.21; 3.10; Colossians 1.16; 2.10; 1 PE 3.22), *guardian* angels (Matthew 18.10; Hebrews 1.14), *water* angels (Revelation 16.5), angels of *the pit* (Revelation 9.1; GEN 6.2), *fire* angels (Revelation 14.18), angels who *release judgments and wrath* during the Great Tribulation (Revelation 8.1; 15.1; Matthew 13:39-13:41, 13:49; 16:27), *watcher* angels (DAN 4.13), and *specialized worship* angels (Revelation 4.4).

5 **Angels are never to be worshiped**, for they are created beings just as humans are (Revelation 19:10). **When John began to worship the angel** who showed him the things written in the Book of Revelation the angels forbade it:

Revelation 22:8-9 (KJV) "And I John saw these things,

and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things.** {9} **Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God."**

Only God is to be worshiped (Matthew 4:10; Luke 4:8). Yet angels are commanded to *worship Jesus*. He is *superior* to the angels, because Jesus Christ is and will always be God.



Hebrews 1:5-6 (KJV) "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? {6} And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, **And let all the angels of God worship¹ him."**

"Worship¹" is the Aorist Active Imperative of *proskuneo* {pronounced *pros-koo-neh'-o*}. and means *to bow down and worship as God*. Though the angels are never to be worshiped, **Jesus Christ IS to be worshiped**. Jesus was worshiped as a baby still in the manger (Matthew 2:2, 8, 11). A leper came to Jesus and worshiped Him (Matthew 8:2) and Jesus did not correct him. Jesus *accepted worship as His due*, for He is eternal God in the flesh. The **ruler** worshiped Jesus (Matthew 9:18) when he came to Jesus to ask that his daughter be



healed. Jesus was worshiped by His **disciples** (**Matthew 14:33; 28:9; Mark 5:6**), by the **Canaanite woman** (**Matthew 15:25**), by the **mother of Zebedee's children** (**Matthew 20:20**), and by those who saw Him following His resurrection (**Matthew 28:17**). In every instance where Jesus was worshiped *He accepted the worship*, thus proving He believed Himself to be worthy of worship. In other words, Jesus Christ believed Himself to be **God Incarnate**.

13. Should angels be worshiped? Why or why not?



Hebrews 1:7 (KJV) "And of the angels he saith, Who maketh¹ his angels spirits², and his ministers a flame of fire."

1 poieo {pronounced poy-eh'-o}, to work out, make, manufacture

2 pneuma {pronounced pnyoo'-mah}, spirit, breath, something without body of flesh

This quotation from **Psalm 104:4**, emphasizing that angels are *spirit* and unlike man. Fallen angels can *possess and inhabit* fallen man (**Matthew 8:16; Acts 5:16**). Angels were created as *pneuma*, spirit, and are also considered *flames of fire*, this alluding to their form as perceived by humans. For example, the angel who announced Christ's resurrection:

Matthew 28:2-4 (KJV) "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. {3} **His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: {4} And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men."**

looked like "**lightning, and his raiment white as snow**". This was not a *cute cherub*, but an awesome angelic visitor - one that brought terror into the hearts of those who saw it.

2.4 The Footstool Of God



Hebrews 1:8-12 (KJV) "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom. {9} Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. {10} And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: {11} They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; {12} And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail."

In verse 8 Jesus is addressed as "**God**" by God the Father. Look at what God says of God the Son:

His Throne is eternal	"Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever"
His Holiness is eternal, tied to His Throne	"a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom"
He created all things	"hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands"
That which He created shall perish, but He never changes	"in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands ... they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail"



Hebrews 1:13-14 ^(KJV) "But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? {14} Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

No angel *ever* sits in the presence of God - to do so would be blasphemous! Yet Jesus Christ sits on the right hand of God the Father *at the invitation of the Almighty*. This "sitting down" has a great deal of significance doctrinally.



Doctrine

The Doctrine of The Right Hand

1 In ancient times the king of the *defeated nation* would

often be led into the capital city of the *conquering king*. The defeated king would then be made to *kneel* at the feet of the conqueror sitting at his throne. The conqueror would then *use the defeated king* as a footstool, demoralizing the defeated foe, and showing his superiority over the defeated nation.

2 King David prophesied that Jesus Christ, Eternal God in the flesh, would come and defeat the enemy.

Psalms 110:1 ^(KJV) "A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

Matthew 22:42-45 ^(KJV) "Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. {43} He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, {44} The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? {45} If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?"

3 Jesus Christ quoted King David's prophecy, and applied it to Himself. It was necessary that Jesus *ascend to the Father and sit on His right hand* in order that the Messianic prophecy be fulfilled.

Mark 16:19 ^(KJV) "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God."

4 King David - the greatest purely human King Israel ever knew - was not able to ascend to Heaven and sit down on the right hand of God the Father. This is because David himself *was not* Messiah, nor was he God. It **requires eternal God to sit on an eternal throne**. Jesus Christ, born of the line of David, is Almighty God - and He sat down on the right hand of God to fulfill the prophecy God gave to King David.

5 Jesus Christ sat down on the right hand of God the Father to **illustrate His equality with God**. Every knee must bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. The Almighty will destroy every enemy of Christ in due time - and Jesus will be exalted!

Luke 22:69 ^(KJV) "Hereafter shall the **Son of man sit on the right hand** of the power of God."

Acts 2:34-36 ^(KJV) "For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, {35} Until I make thy foes thy footstool. {36} Therefore **let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**"

6 Jesus Christ sat down on the right hand of God to show that *all power in Heaven and on earth is given to Him*:

1 Peter 3:22 ^(KJV) "Who is gone into heaven, and is **on**

the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."

Acts 5:29-31 ^(KJV) "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. {30} The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. {31} **Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."**

7 Jesus Christ *sat down* on the right hand of God the Father to show that the **work of the Cross was finished**. No one can add one thing to the salvation that Jesus purchased for us who believe on His name:

Hebrews 10:12-14 ^(KJV) "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, **sat down on the right hand of God**; {13} From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. {14} For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

Hebrews 12:2 ^(KJV) "Looking unto **Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is **set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**"

8 Jesus Christ is on the right hand of God the Father

making intercession for we who believe. This is a wonderful truth, and one of the pivotal doctrines that endorses that doctrine we call *perseverance of the saints*:

Acts 7:55-56 ^(KJV) "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, {56} And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."

Romans 8:34 ^(KJV) "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

Colossians 3:1 ^(KJV) "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."

9 The "sitting down" of Christ is both figurative as well as real, though we must not take it to mean that Jesus is localized to Heaven. As Eternal God our Savior is both on the right hand of God the Father, and at the same time is in every place where His followers meet:

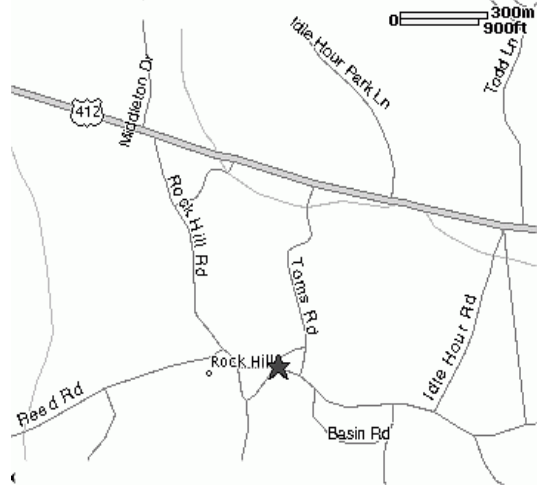
Matthew 18:20 ^(KJV) "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Jesus Christ is both in Heaven with the Father, making intercession for us ... and also in our presence as we meet for services and fellowship.

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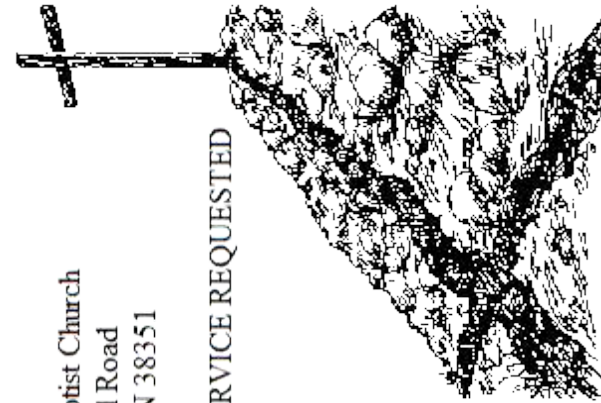
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6. Reconciling	2 Corinthians 5:18, 19 Colossians 1:21, 22
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