



DISCIPLESHIP MATERIAL

Lesson Number: Eleven

Theme: Jesus The Son of God (Pt. 5)

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Introduction

We begin the fifth part of our series on Jesus the Son of God. We have already established the importance of this study and the fact that it encapsulates quite a number of things we need to know about our Lord Jesus.

For this part of the series, we examine Jesus' **present** and **future** ministry.

A. His present ministry

Christ is now in heaven seated at God's right hand having resumed His pre-incarnation position of pre-eminence and sovereignty.

A.1 Christ's ministry in heaven generally

Christ is;

1. exercising authority over and sustaining all of the created order in accordance with the Father's plan. (Mt. 28:18, Eph.1:19-22, Col. 1:17-18, 1 Pet. 3:21-22)
2. interceding for individual saints and the Church before the Father. (1 Jn. 2:1, Ro. 8:33-34)
3. securely protecting the salvation of all saints. (Heb. 7:25, Jn. 10:27-30, Ro. 8:38-39, Jude 24)
4. preparing a place for believers in heaven. (Jn. 14:1-3)

A.2 Christ's ministry to the Church

Christ is;

1. acting as head and guardian. (Eph. 1:19-23, Heb. 13:20)
2. being the chief cornerstone and foundation. (1 Co. 3:11-15, Eph. 2:20, 1 Pe. 2:4-8)
3. cleansing the Body of Christ and preparing her to be His bride. (Eph. 5:25-27)

4. giving spiritually gifted men to the Church to equip and build up the Church to maturity in Him. (Eph 4:7-16)

A.3 Christ's ministry to individual believers

Christ is;

1. indwelling and empowering. (Ro. 8:9-12, Php. 4:13)
2. making them dead to sin but alive to God. (Ro. 6:11-12)
3. sympathizing with them in their weakness. (Heb. 4:15)
4. extending mercy and grace to help in time of need. (Heb.4:16)
5. enabling believers to bear fruit as they abide in Him and His word. (Jn. 15:1-17)
6. empowering them to resist temptation. (Heb. 2:17-18)
7. witnessing through them. (Ac. 1:8)
8. being their wisdom, righteousness and holiness. (1 Co. 1:30)
9. manifesting His life and glory through them. (2 Co. 4:5-7, Gal. 2:20, Col. 3:4)
10. fellowshiping with them. (1 Jn. 1:3)
11. equipping them to do His will and please God. (Heb. 13:21)
12. conforming them to His image. (2 Co. 3:18, Ro. 8:28-29, Php. 3:20-21)
13. meeting their needs through His glorious riches and mutually shared inheritance. (Php. 4:19)
14. Giving them everything needed for life and godliness. (2 Pe. 1:2-3)

B. His future ministry

While most aspects of Christ's future ministry will be dealt with in detail in the doctrine of future things (eschatology) a brief summary is provided here.

In His future ministry, *Christ will;*

1. return to rapture His Church. (Jn 14:1-3, 1 Th. 4:13-18)
2. resurrect dead believers and transform living believers. (Php. 3:20-21)
3. oversee the pouring out of judgement on sin during the tribulation. (Rev. 5:1-10)
4. conclude His marriage to His bride the Church in heaven. (Eph. 5:25-27, Rev. 19:6-9)
5. conduct the "bema seat" evaluation of believers in heaven. (Ro. 14:9-12, 2 Co. 5:9-10, 1 Co. 3:6-15, 1 Co. 4:1-5)
6. return in His second coming to judge sin and defeat God's enemies at Armageddon. (Rev. 19:11-21)
7. put everything in subjection to Himself, and hand the kingdom over to God the Father. (Rev. 11:15, 1 Cor. 15:24-28)

8. reign on earth for 1000 years on David's Throne during the millennial Kingdom in the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. (Rev. 20:1-6, Lk. 1:31-33)
9. cast Satan into the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:7-10)
10. conduct the Great White Throne judgement of unbelievers whom He will resurrect to eternal death. (Rev. 20:11-15)
11. reign eternally as Kings and Lord of Lords. (Rev. 19:15-16, Rev. 21-22)

Question for Discussion

1. Why do we tend to limit Christ's ministry to the time He was on earth?
