

Christ's Exaltation

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99 Essentials

From The 99 Essential Doctrines

Whereas the death of Christ was the ultimate example of His humiliation, the resurrection of Christ from the dead is the first and glorious example of Christ's exaltation. Christ was exalted when God raised Him from the dead, and Christ was exalted when He ascended to the Father's right hand. He will be exalted by all creation when He returns. All of these aspects work together to magnify the glory and worth of Christ, resulting in the praise of the glory of His grace in rescuing sinners.

From The Bible

Acts 2:32-33 NKJV

³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

Acts 5:30-31 NKJV

³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. ³¹ Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance

to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Philippians 2:5–11 NKJV

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Key Thoughts

In what ways was Jesus exalted, or lifted up?

1. Resurrection
2. Enthronement (made Prince—or ruler—and Savior)
3. Holy Spirit (Whose ministry is to draw men and women to Jesus)
4. Named King of Creation

Jesus' exaltation is the reward for His humiliation

Jesus' exaltation ultimately further glorifies the Father

Additional Thought

There is a practical response to Jesus' exaltation. We see it

with the pattern: Jesus was humiliated—or made low—and then exalted. If we wish to be made high, we must first make ourselves low.

Matthew 23:12 NKJV

¹² And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

1 Peter 5:6 NKJV

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,