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INTRODUCTION: What is theology? It is the study of God. Some call it the science of God. Natural theology views God from the natural man's mind and scientific evidence. Biblical theology views God from the revelation of Scripture through the interpretation of the Holy Spirit's anointing. Major forms of systematic theology are two. Covenant theology and dispensational theology. We at Kingdom Life University believe a third definition is necessary Kingdom theology. Pure Covenant theology comes out of reformed theology of some of the great men of history. Dispensational theology is more recent and was popularized by the Scofield reference bible. Kingdom theology is based more on the modern new covenant view. Probably the most evident distinction between all three theologies is their views of Israel and the church. We here at KLU are also very strong on "Identification Theology". The 5 "I Am" statements of the New Testament.

"I AM" CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

I. THE POWER OF CRUCIFIXION

A. It's an act of faith Galatians 2:20 ***"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."***

B. It's a declaration through confession. Philippians 3:10 ***"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."***

Philippians 3:8 ***"Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ."***

II. THE REVELATION THROUGH CRUCIFIXION

A. It comes through the revelation of the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:11 ***"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."***

B. It happens through the application of God's grace and love. Romans 8:38-39 ***"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."***

III. THE TRANSFORMATION THROUGH CRUCIFIXION

A. It changes the way we see ourselves. Romans 8:13 ***"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."***

B. It releases the power of Christ in our lives

Philippians 1:21 ***“For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain”***

Jesus teaching on the cost of discipleship: Luke 14

1. It costs our affections v- 26 ***“If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.”***
2. It costs our identification. v- 27 ***“And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.”***
3. It costs our possessions v- 33 ***“So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.”***

“I AM” BURIED WITH HIM

INTRODUCTION: The Heidelberg Catechism asks "Why was he buried?" and gives the answer "His burial testified that He had really died." This testimony is a confirmation that Jesus death of His body was final and complete. One of the arguments against the resurrection was that Jesus was only asleep not really dead. But the burial is absolute proof. Grave sealed, guards posted, women mourn Jesus buried.

I. I AM SEALED IN BURIAL

A. Our future resurrection was guaranteed in Jesus death. Jesus specializes in breaking seals and

scattering guards Matthew 27:65-66 ***“Pilate said to them, ‘You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.’ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.”***

B. Our future promise is that God will keep His word. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 ***“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”***

II. I AM SECURE IN BURIAL

A. We are not abandoned after death. Matthew 27:57-59 ***“When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud.”***

Acts 2:27 ***“For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.”***

B. God preserves us unto our day of resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:42-44 ***“So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is***

raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.”

III. I AM SANCTIFIED IN BURIAL

A. My newness of life comes out of death. Romans 8:29 ***“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”***

B. My triumphant life comes out of death. Romans 8:36 ***“As it is written: ‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”***

Spiritual principles of death:

1. We are dead to the law, which makes us alive to Christ. Romans 7:4 ***“Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.”***

2. We are dead to sin. Romans 6:7-9 ***“For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.”***

3. We are dead to the flesh. Romans 8:10-11 ***“And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”***

“I AM” RISEN WITH CHRIST

INTRODUCTION: The distinction of Christianity is that we have the only founder that died for us and rose again. Buddha, Krishna, Confucius & Mohammed of Mecca are still all in their graves. Not only did they not die to take away the sins of their followers, but they didn't raise from the dead to give them new life. Jesus Christ stands alone as both the author and finisher of our faith. The resurrection is a central part of the message. “If Christ be not risen” says Paul, “then your faith is vain and you are still in your sins”. But the good news is “He is risen”. Death conquered, sin and sickness defeated, and we are guaranteed life everlasting.

I. THE RESURRECTION IS THE POWER OF GOD

A. Paul said ***“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection”***. Philipians 3:10

- Power over death our greatest enemy

- Power of flesh our greatest hindrance
- Power over Satan our greatest enemy
- Power over sickness our greatest weakness

B. It is the power of our message. Acts 4:33 ***“And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.”***

II. THE RESURRECTION IS THE PURPOSE OF GOD

A. His purpose of completion.

- It was the final act of fulfilling the law
- It was the final act of filling our hope. 1 Peter 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

B. His purpose of new creation. Colossians 1:18 ***“Through him, and for him, also, were created power and dominion, ownership and authority. In fact, every single thing was created through, and for him. He is both the first principle and the upholding principle of the whole scheme of creation. And now he is the head of the body which is composed of all Christian people. Life from nothing began through him, and life from the dead began through him, and he is, therefore, justly called the Lord of all. It was in him that the full nature of God chose to live, and through him God planned to reconcile in his own person, as it were, everything on earth and everything in Heaven by virtue of the sacrifice of the cross.”*** Phillips Translation

III. THE RESURRECTION COMPLETES THE PLAN OF GOD.

A. It's the foundation for our resurrection. I Corinthians 15:21-22 ***“For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.”***

B. It's the foundation for Christ delivering the Kingdom to the Father. I Corinthians 15:24-25 ***“Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.”***

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“I AM” SEATED WITH CHRIST

INTRODUCTION: We have now stepped into a new dimension of His authority and power! Being seated with Christ means we are of the order of Melchizedek. A kingdom of kings and priests unto our God. The Old Testament condemned kings that moved into the priesthood. Saul, king of Israel, lost his kingdom for offering sacrifices on the battlefield. But Jesus re-established the King-Priest order. Hebrews 7:1 ***“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the***

slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,”

Hebrews 5:6 **“As He also says in another place: “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek”**

What does it mean to be identified with being **“seated with Christ?”**

I. WE NOW OPERATE FROM HEAVEN Eph. 1:3 **“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”**

A. We have a divine perspective of earth. Psalm 24:1 **“The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.”** (Two legal rights Jesus has over the earth. Creation – Redemption)

B. We have a divine authority over earth. Eph. 1:22-23 **“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”**

This is the order of Melchizedek Psalms 110

II. WE NOW IDENTIFY WITH OUR COMPLETION Colossians 2:10 **“And you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”**

A. We are His purchased possession. Ephesians 1:14 **“Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”**

B. We are downloaded His perfection. 2 Peter 1:3 **“As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.”**

III. WE NOW DEMONSTRATE HIS MANIFESTATION

A. We function as sons not servants. Eph. 1:5-6 **“Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.”**

Romans 8:16 **“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ”**

B. We function as initiators of His new creation. Colossians 1:18 Philipps translation **“And now he is the head of the body which is composed of all Christian people. Life from nothing began through him, and life from the dead began through him, and he is, therefore, justly called the Lord of all.”**

Colossians 1:18-20 New King James Version (NKJV) “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

Romans 8:19-21 *“The earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”*

“I AM” REIGNING WITH CHRIST

INTRODUCTION: 1 Corinthians 15:25 *“For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.”* 1 Corinthians 15:27 *“For he has put everything under his feet. Now when it says that everything has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ.”*

Ephesians 1:22 *“And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.”* We saw in the study of “I AM” seated with Christ that Jesus reestablished the Order of Melchizedek priesthood. The uniting of two offices “King and Priest”. That Jesus released the 5 fold ministries as His government on earth in this age. That He has already downloaded in us “all things that pertain to “Life and Godliness” through the knowledge of Christ. That His act of sitting down was a picture of completing the words “It is finished”. Jesus fulfilled all things to the church. Now what does it mean to “Reign with Christ”?

I. DECLARE HIS KINGDOM HAS COME

A. We are joint heirs with Him Romans 8:1 *“And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”*

B. We are warfare enforcers.

II. DEMONSTRATE HIS KINGDOM POWER

A. Rule through Prayer. Rees Howells Intercessory school in England

B. Reign through His Presence

1. Release His presence through worship. Psalm 9:11 *“Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people.”*

2. Release His presence through our walk. Colossians 1:9-10 *“For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”*

III. DESTROY THE WORKS OF DARKNESS

A. Through the power of the gospel. Revelation 14:6 ***“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.”***

B. Through the declarations of faith. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 ***“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”***

BOLDNESS IN OUR DECLARATIONS:

1. God says we are to command Him! Isa. 45:11-12 ***“Thus says the Lord, The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: ‘Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons; And concerning the work of My hands, you command Me. I have made the earth, and created man on it. I—My hands—stretched out the heavens, and all their host I have commanded.’”***

2. Reign NOW in His righteousness. Rom. 5:17 ***“For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”***