

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

**Why Did Christ Need
to Ascend to Heaven?
Ephesians 2:6**

1 Cor. 15:22,

**“For as in Adam all die,
even so
in Christ all shall be made alive.”**

Eph. 2:4, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Eph. 2:5, “even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Eph. 2:6, “and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”

The Problem: What we were before we were saved, Ephesians 2:1–3

The Solution: God's love and mercy, grace in action, regenerate, raise, and seat us positionally in Christ, Ephesians 2:4–9

The Purpose: We are saved, created in Christ Jesus, for good works, Ephesians 2:10

Col. 2:13–14,

“And even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, because He has graciously forgiven you all trespasses, when He wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us, even when He took it out of the way, when He nailed it to the cross.” [~RD]

Eph. 2:6, “and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”

Rom. 6:4, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Rom. 6:6, “because we know this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

Rom. 6:7, “For he who has died has been freed from sin.”

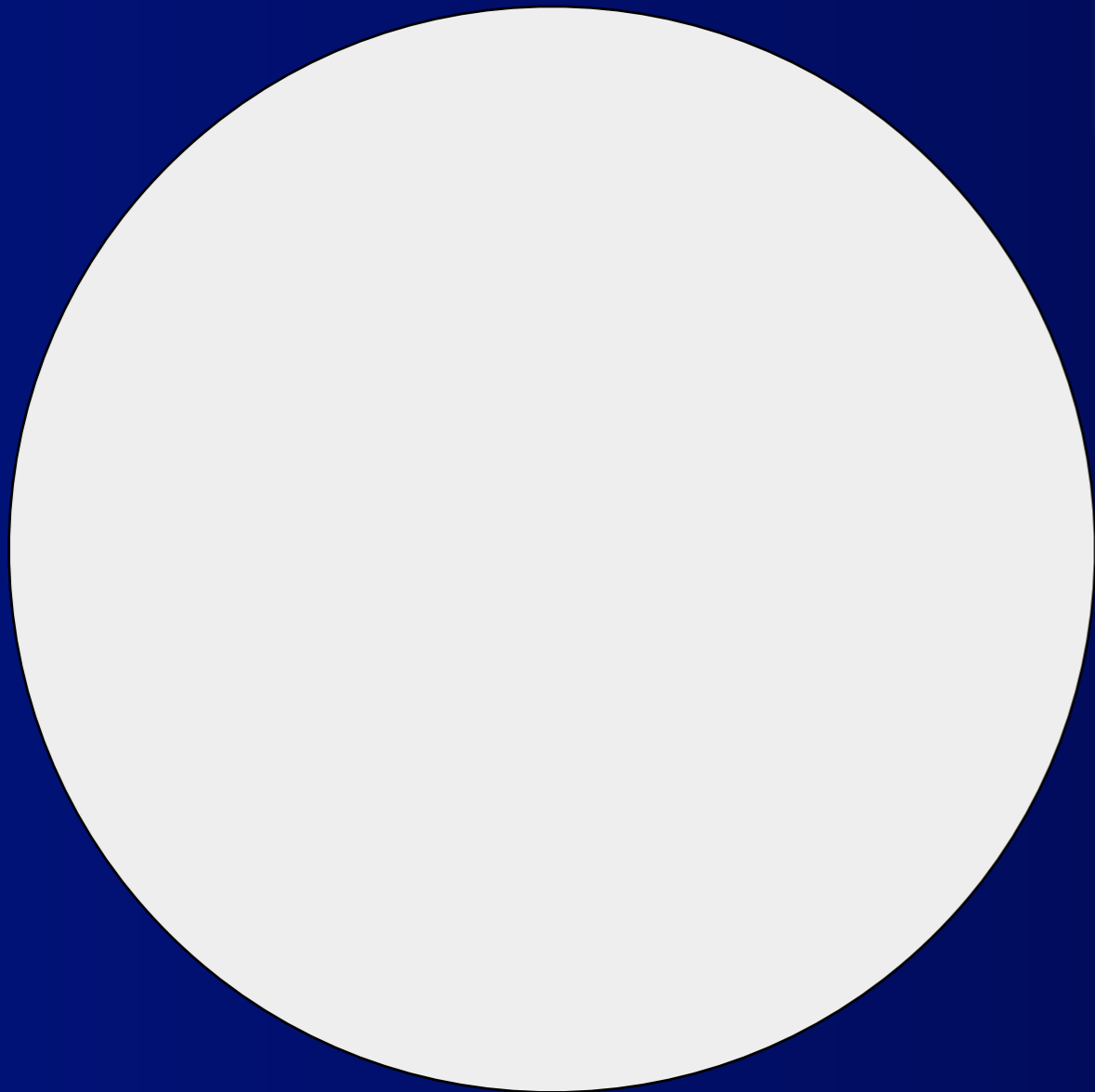
2 Cor. 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

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“Abiding in
Christ”**

**“Walking by the
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Eph. 2:6, “and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”

**We are seated together in Christ Jesus.
Cf., (Christ seated at the right hand of the
Father: Acts 2:33–34; 5:31; 7:55–56;
Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; 2:6; 4:8–11; Col. 3:1;
Heb. 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Pet. 3:22)**

Eph 1:19, “and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

Eph 1:20, “which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

Eph 1:21, “far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”

The Ascension of Christ: Background



First Question:

What happened to God's plan when the Lord Jesus Christ was rejected and crucified?

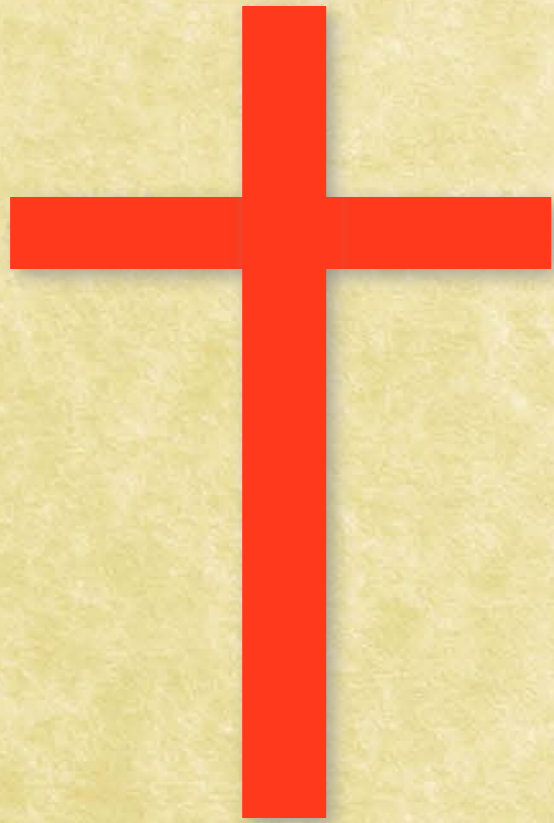
Acts 1:6, “Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, ‘Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ”

Since God had promised a king, a kingdom, and the king was now rejected and executed, what about the kingdom program?

1. The Jews expected a “one-coming” Messiah.

2. Jews wanted the crown before the cross, the glorious Messiah before the suffering Messiah.

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The Cross



The Crown

Jn. 12:34, “The people answered Him, ‘We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, “The Son of Man must be lifted up”? Who is this Son of Man?’ ”

1 Pet. 1:10, “As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful search and inquiry,

1 Pet. 1:11, “seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.”

**Isa. 53:5, “But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.”**

Isa. 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray;

We have turned, every one, to his own way;

And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

Isa. 53:7, “He was oppressed and He was afflicted,

Yet He opened not His mouth;

He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,

And as a sheep before its shearers is

silent,

So He opened not His mouth.”

Isa. 40:3, “A voice is calling, ‘Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.

Isa. 40:4, “ ‘Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; And let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley;

Isa. 40:5, “ ‘Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.’ ”

The Presentation of the Kingdom and the Response

The **OFFER**
of the Kingdom

The **REJECTION**
of the King

The **CRUCIFIXION**
of the King

