

Acts 1:8-9

“You will receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem
and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

And when he had said these things,
as they were looking on, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight.

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behold, two men stood by them in white robes,
and said, “Men of Galilee,
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Luke 24:5-6

“Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen!”

John 16:6-7

“Because I have said these things to you,
sorrow has filled your heart.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth:
it is to your advantage that I go away,
for if I do not go away,
the Helper will not come to you.
But if I go, I will send him to you.”

Romans 1:1-4

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus,
called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
which he promised beforehand
through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,
concerning his Son,
who was descended from David according to the flesh
and was declared to be the Son of God in power
according to the Spirit of holiness
by his resurrection from the dead,
Jesus Christ our Lord...

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them,
“All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe
all that I have commanded you.

“And behold, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.”

Psalm 2:1-12

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,
“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”

Psalm 2:1-12

He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
“As for me, I have set my King on Zion,
my holy hill.”

Psalm 2:1-12

I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me,
“You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.

“Ask of me,
and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Psalm 2:1-12

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry,
and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Daniel 7:13-14

I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

And to him was given dominion and glory
and a kingdom, that all peoples,
nations, and languages should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Revelation 5:5-14

And one of the elders said to me,

“Weep no more.

Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David, has conquered,

so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

And between the throne and the four living creatures
and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing,
as though it had been slain,
with seven horns and with seven eyes,
which are the seven spirits of God
sent out into all the earth.

Revelation 5:5-14

And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

And when he had taken the scroll,
the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp,
and golden bowls full of incense,
which are the prayers of the saints.

Revelation 5:5-14

And they sang a new song, saying,
“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom
and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

Revelation 5:5-14

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne
and the living creatures and the elders
 the voice of many angels,
numbering myriads of myriads
 and thousands of thousands,
 saying with a loud voice,
“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

Revelation 5:5-14

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and in the sea,
and all that is in them, saying,
“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said,
“Amen!”
and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 12:4b-12

And the dragon stood before the woman
who was about to give birth,
so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

She gave birth to a male child,
one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron,
but her child was caught up to God
and to his throne...

Revelation 12:4b-12

Now war arose in heaven,
Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon.
And the dragon and his angels fought back,
but he was defeated and there was no longer
any place for them in heaven.

And the great dragon was thrown down,
that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan,
the deceiver of the whole world –
he was thrown down to the earth,
and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 12:4b-12

“Therefore, rejoice, O heavens,
and you who dwell in them!

But woe to you, O earth and sea,
for the devil has come down to you in great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!”

John 17:20-21

“I do not ask for these only,
but also for those who will believe in me
through their word,
that they may all be one,
just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
so that the world may believe
that you have sent me.”

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John 17:22-23

“The glory that you have given me
I have given to them,
that they may be one
even as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may become perfectly one,
so that the world may know
that you sent me and loved them
even as you loved me.”

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John 17:20-23 (review)

- Jesus prays to the Father for us, and gives us the glory that the Father gave him, that we may be one.
- More, he prays that we may *become* one.

Why?

- That world may believe and know that God sent Jesus and loves them as he loves Jesus!

(Note that it's not just that the world should know who Jesus is, but who God is...)

John 17:20-23 (review)

As God is in Christ, and Christ in us,
so we are to be and become one in Christ.

As God gave Christ his glory,
so Christ has given us his glory,
that we may be one.

1 Timothy 6:16

God dwells in unapproachable light,
whom no one has ever seen or can see.

John 1:18

No one has ever seen God;
God the only begotten, who is at the Father's side,
he has made him known.

1 John 4:12

No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God abides in us
and his love is perfected in us.

John 17:24

“Father, I desire that they also,
whom you have given me,
may be with me where I am,
to see my glory that you have given me
because you loved me
before the foundation of the world.”

John 17:25-26

“O righteous Father, even though
the world does not know you,
I know you,
and these know that you have sent me.

“I made known to them your name,
and I will continue to make it known,
that the love with which you have loved me
may be in them, and I in them.”