

What on Earth Is God Doing? – Excerpt

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"Through becoming man, living his sinless life, learning obedience through suffering, and finally through his death, resurrection and ascension to the Father, the kingdom has come definitively to this planet. With God becoming man, a permanent shift of cosmic proportions has occurred (Rom 5:12-20; 8:18-22). Restored to the image of God, man has been reinstated to the government of the universe (Ps 8:4-6; Gen 1:26; Heb 2:5-8; 1 Cor 6:2-3; 15:27; Rom 8:17-21), and the new creation has begun (2 Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15; Isa 65:17; 66:22; Rev 21:1-5).

Consequently, we do not look to the second coming – nor to a future kingdom age – to achieve what God has already accomplished in the first coming. The kingdom of God came definitively in Christ when he rose from the grave as the first fruits of all those who believe (1 Cor 15:20-23; Col 1:18). Ascending, as the son of man (Dan 7:13-14; Mat 12:40; 16:28; 17:9; 19:28; 25:31-33; 26:24; Rev 1:13; 14:14), to the right hand of the Father he now rules the universe. From this position, he pours forth the promised Holy Spirit, imparting his perfected humanity (2 Pet 1:3-4; Heb 2:10-11; 5:8-9; Rom 8:1-4; Col 1:1-5) and sonship (Rom 8:15-16; Gal 4:6) to his body, and progressively extending his rule through it (Eph 3:10; 1:18-23; Mat 28:18-20; Isa 9:7; Pro 4:18; Eph 4:13), until all his enemies are subdued under his feet.

Christ is, therefore, in heaven seated at the right hand of the Father until every enemy is defeated (Acts 3:21; Ps 110). He will not return until this occurs. Every pretender to the throne, every idol, and false ideology — every rebellious human system will fall before Jesus returns. God is shaking the heavens and the earth until only the unshakeable remains — the everlasting kingdom of God (Heb 12:25-27; Dan 2:44; 7:13-14). And when he does return only one enemy will remain — the last enemy, death; and this will be conquered through the final resurrection (1 Ths 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:20-26). The gospel of the kingdom of God is the good news that the universe is now being renovated — that the creator-redeemer God has invaded time and history, exorcising every demonic force, infusing the world with his glorious presence."

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