

Sunday, April 28, 2019

We Preach Christ – Easter 2019

3. We Preach Christ Reigning – Ephesians 1:19-23

- I. Resurrection from the Dead
 - A. Power over Death – 1 Cor. 15:20-28
 - B. Power to Live
 - 1. A New Creation – 2 Cor. 5:17
 - 2. Called from death to life – Eph. 2:1-10
 - 3. The power to will and to do – Phil. 2:13; Rom. 7:18-25
- II. Ascension to the Right Hand of the Father
 - A. Seated Him, Now and Forever – Psa. 110:1
 - 1. Above all rule (arche) – the principle person, rulers
 - 2. Above all authority (exousia) – power of authority
 - 3. Above all power (dunamis) – power of ability
 - 4. Above all dominion (kuriotas) – power of ownership, lordship
 - 5. Above every name (onama) – name or title, position, rank
 - B. Put All Things Under His Feet
 - 1. All Works of Creation – Psa. 8:1-9
 - 2. All Things – Matt. 11:27
 - 3. All Authority – Matt. 28:18; Rom. 13:1
 - 4. All Things? – Heb. 2:6-9
 - a. He reigns, but not every knee has bowed – Phil. 2:9-11; Rom. 14:11-12
 - b. We have not conquered death yet, but we will – John 11:25-26
- III. Headship over All Things for the Church
 - A. He Controls All Things – He is King Now – 1 Tim. 6:14-16; Rev. 17:14; 19:16
 - B. For the Sake of His Church
 - 1. To Preserve Us – Jude 24a
 - 2. To Present Us Holy – Jude 1:24b-25
 - 3. To Provide a Path to Victory
 - a. The Struggle – Eph. 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8; James 4:7
 - b. The Savior – Eph. 3:19-21 (His power in us)
 - c. The Spirit – Gal. 5:16; 1 Thess. 5:19-22

There is but one conclusion to draw from this. Whatever may be true of our experience, whatever may be true of the world and its darkness, whatever may be true of the seeds of decay and of illness and of death that are in our bodies, and howsoever great is the power of the last enemy, we can be certain and confident of this, that nothing can prevent the carrying out of God's purpose with respect to us. There is no power that can withstand Him; there is no might or influence that can match Him, there is no possible antagonist that can equal Him. The mightiest foes, the devil, death, and hell have already been vanquished, and the resurrection of Christ is the proof of it. – D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones