

162. Christ's Sitting at the Right Hand of God.

Sit Thou [the Father said to Christ] at My right hand until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. Ps. 110, 1.

Our Creed continues: "He sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty." What, according to the Scriptures, is Christ's sitting at the right hand of God? It is this, that Christ, also according to His human nature, with divine power and majesty rules and fills all things and especially governs and protects His Church, of which He is the Head.

We must by no means think that He is confined to a far-away and limited space as man. The right hand of God is the divine power, by which He governs all things and particularly leads His Church on earth heavenward. We read in the first chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians: "God set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principalities, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under His feet; and gave Him to be the Head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." The expression *set*, "God *set* Him," indicates that this was done according to Christ's human nature. The man Christ was exalted to an increasing participation in the divine government. Also according to His human nature Christ is now, and forever will be, the Ruler of the universe and the Protector of His Church. Christ, our Brother, is seated upon the heavenly throne.

What mighty consolation for us: our Brother is the omniscient and almighty Ruler of the world and the Defender of His Church! He knows all our needs and distress, our trials and tribulations; we shall not want. For means it fails Him never who sitteth at the right hand of God in the heavenly places. Surely this article of our faith is replete with consolation and encouragement for the Christians and the Christian Church.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we may continually enjoy Thy presence, look joyfully for Thy most certain and glorious second coming, and on the Last Day take part in the resurrection of the just. O heavenly Father, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that, following His steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life. Give us a thorough knowledge of what it means that Christ is sitting at Thy right hand. Let Him be the Anchor of our soul. Amen.

He has raised our human nature
On the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heavenly places,
There with Him in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne;
Mighty Lord, in Thine ascension
We by faith behold our own.

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