



Colossians 3:1-4 NIV

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Luke 24:50-53 NIV

50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.



Acts 1:9-11 NIV

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Previous Scripture: Luke 24:50-53;

Colossians 3:1-4



Hebrews 1:3 NIV

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.



Psalm 110:1 NIV

The LORD says to my lord:

“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”



Luke 22:69 NIV

But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.”



Acts 2:32-36 NIV

32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

35 until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.” ’

36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

Previous Scripture: Luke 22:69;

Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 1:3



Acts 5:31 NIV

God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

Previous Scripture: Acts 2:32-36;

Luke 22:69; Psalm 110:1



Romans 8:34 NIV

Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.



Ephesians 1:20-21 NIV

20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Previous Scripture: Romans 8:34;

Acts 5:31; Acts 2:32-36



1 Peter 3:22 NIV

who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.



Acts 7:54-56 NIV

54 When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”



I. Because We Have
Been Raised With Christ
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Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Previous Scripture: Colossians 3:1a;

Acts 7:54-56; 1 Peter 3:22



II. Because He Sat Down



Colossians 3:1b-2 NIV

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II. Because He Sat Down John 16:28 NIV



I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”



II. Because He Sat Down John 17:5 NIV



And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.



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Hebrews 10:11-14 NIV

11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. 14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Previous Scripture: John 17:5;

John 16:28; Colossians 3:1b-2



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1 Timothy 2:5-6 NIV

5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

Previous Scripture: Hebrews 10:11-14;

John 17:5; John 16:28



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1 John 2:1-2 NIV

1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Previous Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:5-6;

Hebrews 10:11-14; John 17:5



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John 16:7-11 NIV

7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Previous Scripture: 1 John 2:1-2;
1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 10:11-14



III. Because We Died Colossians 3:3-4 NIV

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Previous Scripture: John 16:7-11;

1 John 2:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:5-6



III. Because We Died

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 NIV

55 “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Previous Scripture: Colossians 3:3-4;

John 16:7-11; 1 John 2:1-2



III. Because We Died

Romans 6:8-10 NIV

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

Previous Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:55-57;

Colossians 3:3-4; John 16:7-11



III. Because We Died Galatians 2:20 NIV

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



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1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NIV

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.