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In His ascension Christ was crowned with glory and honor and enthroned for God's administration. This means that He shares God's throne to be the unique Administrator in the universe. Through His ascension Christ was also inaugurated to be the Lord to possess all and to be the Christ to carry out God's commission. Since all these matters are objective, how can we prove that Christ's ascension is related to us in a subjective way? Proof is in the fact that there is a transmission from the ascended Christ to us. [Ephesians 1:22](#) says that God gave Christ "to be Head over all things to the church." The phrase "to the church" indicates a transmission from the ascended Christ to the church, His Body.

"TO THE CHURCH"

God's giving Christ to be the Head over all things is to the church. "To the church," as we have pointed out, implies a transmission. What

God gave Christ to be is to the church; it is transmitted to the church. The church shares it. This corresponds to the word “His power toward us” in [Ephesians 1:19](#). The phrase “toward us” is a key, for it also indicates a transmission. God’s power in the heavens is toward us; that is, His power is transmitted to us.

The transmission of electricity from the power plant to our homes is an illustration of the transmission of God’s power from the heavens to the church. The current of electricity flows from the power plant through wires into our homes. This current of electricity is its transmission. When the lights are on, we know that this transmission is taking place. If we go to the meter, we shall see a clear indication that the current of electricity is flowing, that there is transmission of electricity from the power plant into our homes.

In a similar way, there is a transmission of the heavenly current of the divine electricity from the “power plant” in the third heaven to the church. As the church, we are the “building” into which the divine electricity is being transmitted. Therefore, God’s power is toward us. This means that the divine electricity is being transmitted from the heavens to us.

[Ephesians 1:19](#) says that the transmission of

God's power toward us is "according to the operation of the might of His strength." The phrase "according to" indicates that a track is needed for the transmission of the divine electricity. This track may be compared to the tracks on which a locomotive runs. Without a railroad track a locomotive has no way to move properly. Likewise, the heavenly, divine electricity is being transmitted into us according to a "track."

As used in [verse 19](#), the phrase "according to" also indicates a model or pattern, showing us how this great power is transmitted to us. God's power is transmitted according to the operation of the might of His strength. Here Paul, seemingly exhausting the vocabulary of the Greek language, speaks of power, operation, might, and strength. Paul uses all these words to convey something of the vastness of God's power to us. God's power is transmitted to us according to an operation, and this operation is of the might of His strength.

GOD'S POWER WROUGHT IN CHRIST

In [Ephesians 1:20](#) Paul continues, "Which He wrought in Christ in raising Him from among the dead, and seating Him at His right hand

in the heavenlies.” To what does “which” refer? It refers to “power” in [verse 19](#). In [verse 20](#) Paul speaks of the power which God wrought in Christ.

From this verse through [verse 22](#) we see that God wrought this power in Christ by four steps: first, raising Him from among the dead; second, seating Him at His right hand in the heavenlies; third, subjecting all things under His feet; and fourth, giving Him to be Head over all things to the church. The final step of God’s working in Christ with His great power was to give Him to be the Head over all things, and what God gave Christ to be was to the church.

THE TRANSMISSION FROM THE ASCENDED CHRIST TO THE CHURCH

The best translation of the second part of [Ephesians 1:22](#) is: “gave Him to be Head over all things to the church.” If Paul had concluded [Ephesians 1](#) by saying that God gave Christ to be Head over all things, Christ’s ascension would not have anything to do with the church. Paul, however, added the important phrase “to the church.” As we have pointed out, this phrase implies a transmission. Whatever Christ, the Head,

has attained and obtained is transmitted to the church, His Body.

We need to see that the phrase “to the church” indicates that all that Christ is in His ascension is being transmitted to the church. Because the divine transmission is not once for all, the church should continually receive this transmission. Electricity may be installed in a building once for all, but the transmission of electricity takes place continually. Likewise, God raised up Christ, seated Him in the heavens, put everything under His feet, and gave Him the great gift of being the Head over all things. Now whatever Christ is in His ascension is being transmitted into the church. This is the continual transmission into the church of the ascended Christ with the full significance of His ascension.

If there is a problem with the transmission of electricity from the power plant into a building, the problem is usually not with the power plant. The problem is with the building, that is, with the receiver. In like manner, there is never a problem with the heavenly power plant; however, often with the church there is a problem concerning the receiving of the divine transmission. Often we may have problems that frustrate the transmission of the divine electricity into us.

SEATED WITH CHRIST IN THE HEAVENLIES

Through the divine transmission from the ascended Christ to the church, the Man-Savior's ascension is definitely related to us. There can be no doubt that we are connected to Him in His ascension. For this reason, [Ephesians 2:6](#) tells us that we are seated together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus. For years I could not understand how, in the words of [Ephesians 2:6](#), we can be seated in the heavens. I have found electricity an excellent illustration in helping us to understand this. The electricity that operates in our homes is also in the power plant. This means that at the same time electricity is both in the power plant and in our homes. Likewise, through the divine transmission we are joined to Christ in the heavens. This is not something superstitious; it is a marvelous fact. The power that is in the heavenly power plant is also in us.

THE REALITY OF THE DIVINE TRANSMISSION

Even though we cannot see this power, it is a reality. We cannot see the power that keeps the planets in position in the solar system, but it is

nevertheless a fact. We should not say, “Christ’s ascension is something far away from me. I can’t understand it, and I can’t see the divine transmission.” Neither can you see the power that keeps the planets revolving around the sun, but you still believe it. We need to believe that in the divine, spiritual realm there is a power that transmits to us all that Christ has attained and obtained in His ascension. What Christ has attained and obtained in His ascension is beyond measure. But whatever He has attained and obtained is now being transmitted into the church. As long as we are clean receptacles and are willing to open ourselves, this transmission will take place continually.

EXPERIENCING THE DIVINE TRANSMISSION

By now we should be able to see the connection, or the relationship, between us and Christ’s ascension. There is a power, a divine current, flowing from the ascended Christ to the church, just as electricity flows from the power plant into a building. We should not only believe in the divine transmission; we need to experience it day by day. I can testify that because I experience this transmission, nothing can defeat me,

frustrate me, or hold me down. Light, life supply, and sustaining power come to me continually because of this divine transmission.

Do you know where the church should be today? The church should be in the transmission of the exalted and ascended Christ. Christ has been raised from among the dead and seated at God's right hand in the heavens. All things have been subjected under His feet, and He has been given the headship over the entire universe. Now whatever He has attained and obtained in these four steps taken by God concerning Him is being transmitted into the church. This transmission is indicated by the phrase "toward us who believe" in [Ephesians 1:19](#) and the phrase "to the church" in [verse 22](#). In this transmission the church shares with Christ in all His attainments: the resurrection from among the dead, being seated in His transcendency, the subjection of all things under His feet, and the headship over all things. Praise the Lord for the transmission into our being of the Christ who is both in resurrection and in ascension!

Not only is Christ in us; His resurrection and ascension are also in us. As the processed, all-inclusive, indwelling Spirit, Christ dwells in us today with His humanity, divinity, human living,

death, resurrection, and ascension. All this is being transmitted into us.

The New Testament reveals that our Christ is in resurrection and ascension. Whatever He has obtained and attained in His resurrection and ascension is now being transmitted into us by the all-inclusive, life-giving Spirit. We simply need to open ourselves and say, “Lord, I am here. I love You, and I give myself to You. Lord, I empty my whole being for You.” If you pray like this, you will experience and enjoy this divine transmission.

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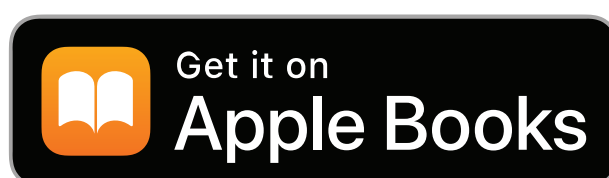
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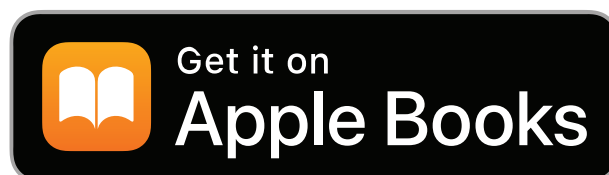
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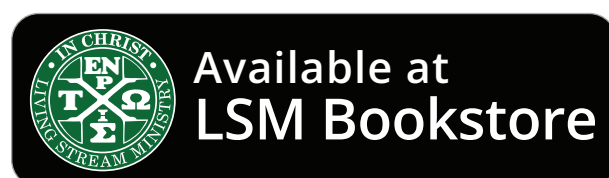
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