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1. Acts 1:2–3. 2. Matt. 28:19–20. 3. John 20:17; Heb. 6:20. 4. Eph. 4:8. 5. Acts 1:9–11; Eph. 4:7–8; Ps. 68:18; Eph. 4:10; Acts 2:33. 6. Col. 3:1–2. 7. John 14:3. 8. Acts 3:21.

Q 54. How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right of God?

A Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father,¹ with all fullness of joy,² glory,³ and power over all things in heaven and earth;⁴ and doth gather and defend his church, and subdue their enemies; furnisheth his ministers and people with gifts and graces,⁵ and maketh intercession for them.⁶

1. Phil. 2:9. 2. Acts 2:28; Ps. 16:11. 3. John 17:5. 4. Dan. 7:13–14; Eph. 1:22; 1 Pet. 3:22. 5. Eph. 4:10–12; Ps. 110:1; Heb. 10:12–14; Ezek. 37:24. 6. Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1; Heb. 7:25.

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