CHRIST IS REIGNING NOW --Over those who submit to Him.

Some insist that Christ is coming back to earth, to reign a thousand years. Heb.1,1 God who at sundry times and divers manners spake in times past to the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds. Verse 8 But ~~thy throne~~ unto the Son He saith, Thy throne O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom. Chapter 2.1 Referring back to chapter 1, the position Christ occupies under the new covenant, -Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. 2 For if the word spoken by angels (the law of Moses given at mount Sinai) was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just ~~received a just~~ recompense of reward: 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; WHICH AT THE FIRST BEGAN TO BE SPOKEN BY THE LORD, AND was CONFIRMED UNTO US BY THEM THAT HEARD HIM (THE APOSTLES); God bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will.?

Acts 3,22 A prophecy of Moses is referred to by Peter For Moses truely said unto the Fathers, A prophet shall the Lord thy God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me HIM SHALL YE HEAR IN ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER HE SHALL SAY UNTO YOU. Referring to Christ.--read the next three verses. Now let us turn to Mt.17,2 Where is described the transfiguration of Christ. and Peter James being present, Verse 3 And behold there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with Him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spoke, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, HEAR YE HIM. **Now let us turn to Lu.16,16 Jesus speaking, The Law (of Moses) and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and all men press into it. --John the Baptist came in the wilderness of Judeah, preaching Repent ye for the kingdom of God is at hand. Verse 14 Now that after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. and saying, the time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand; Repent ye and believe the gospel;

Phil.2,8 to 11 Is again described the temptations, suffering and death of Christ. 8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name; That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of the Father.

Now let us go to Mt.28,18 Just before He ascended He said unto the apostles, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefor ~~into~~ and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and Lo. I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Are these quotations enough to convince us that Christ is in authority now? And that we are under obligation to "Hear ye Him"?

Let us now read from Heb.2,9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and Honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Heb.5 8 Tho He were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And being made perfect, He became the AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION unto all them that obey Him.--Author of eternal SALVATION. Do we have a better reason for being subject to Him? Heb.12,25 See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth (Moses) Much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven. Jn.17,6 Jesus praying to the Father. referring to the apostles, I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me and they have kept thy word.--Jn.15,3 Jesus says to the apostles, Now ye are clean through the word I have spoken to you. Again to His Prayer, Sanctify them thom through thy truth, thy word is truth Jn.17,17. Also Jn.6,63 It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life. Then in verse 68, after some of His disciples had left Him. He asked the apostles if they also would go away? Then Simon Peter answered Him, To whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal Life. ---So we have The Law and the prophets until John since that time the kingdom of Heaven is preached, and all men press into it. We also have Moses and Elias talking to Jesus when He was transfigured and the voice saying This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, Hear ye Him. evidently showing that Christ is to be heard instead of Moses and the Prophets as we read from Lu.16,16.

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(The New testament.Heb.12,22-24 But ye are come,--25 to Jesus the mediator of the new ********* Covenant.25 See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh.Heb.12,2 after mentioning those who were faithful and those who w were not under the Old Testament.Verse 1 Wherefore let us lay aside the sin that doth so easily beset us,and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,2 looking to Jesus the AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH. Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,despising the sh shame,and is now set down at the right hand of the throne of God.All power given Him Mt.28,18. He is the author and finisher of our Faith--Also Auth-Or Of ETERNAL SALVATION Heb.5,8 Tho He were a Son,yet learned He obedience by the thingswhich He suffered;And being made perfect,HE BECAME THE AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION,to all themthat obey Him. --Jn.14,15 If ye love me keep my commandments.1Jn.3,24 And He that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him,and he in Him.--Jesus speaking to John Rev,22,12 And behold I come quickly;and my reward is with me,to give every man according to his work shall be.13 I am Alpha and Omega,the beginning and the end,the first and the last.14 Blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have a right to the tree of Life,and enter in through the gates into the City.

And Paul exhorts us,1 Cor,14,37 If any man think himself to be a prophet,or Spiritual,let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments **** of the Lord.Again,writing to Timothy,1 Tim.6 3 If any man teach otherwise,and consent not to wholesome words,even the words of the Lord Jesus Christ,and to the doctrine which is according to Godliness;He is proud.-- Also 2 Tim.2,2 And the things thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,the same commit to Faithful men,that they may be able to teach others also.

Christ is Head over the Church.

Eph,1,19-23 Speaking of God raising Christ from the dead 20 Which He wrought in Christ,when He raised Him from the dead,and set Him at His own right hand in heavenly places,21 Far above all principality 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:22 And ******** hath put all things under His feet,and gave Him to be head over all things to the Church which is His body.--Col.1,18And He is the head of the body,the Church,-that in all things He might have the preeminence.19For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell.--And we are to be subject to Him,Eph.5,24 Therefore as the Church is subject to Christ,so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.25 Husbands ,love your wives,as Christ also loved the church,and gave Himself for it;That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,that Hemight present it to himself a glorious church,Not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing;but that it should be holy and without blemish.

We will be Judged by His word.

Jn.12,48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words,hath one that Judgeth him:the word that I have spoken,they shall judge him in the last day.Acts 17,30 Paul speaking to the Athenians who worship Idols,And the times of this ignorance God winked at;but now commandeth all men every where to repent.31 Because He hath appointed a day,in the which He will Judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained;whereof he hath given assurance unto all men,in that He hath raised Him from the dead!--2 Tim.4,1 I charge thee before God,and the Lord Jesus Christ,who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom,Preach the word. PREACH THE WORD.

1 Tim.4,11 These things command and teach.Verse 16 Take heed unto thyself and to the doctrine;continue in them:for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself,and them that hear thee. 1 Tim.3,14 These things write I unto you,hoping to come to thee shortly:but if I tarry long,that thou mightest know how to behave thyself in the House of God,which is the church of the living God,the ground and the pillar of the truth.--Jn.17,17 Sanctify them through thy truth,Thy word is truth. Col.3,15 And let the Peace of God RULE in your hearts,to the which ye are called:and be ye thankful.16 Let the word of God Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;teaching and admonishing oneanother in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,singing with grace in your hearts unto the Lord.

Fight the good fight of faith,lay hold on eternal life,whereunto thou art also called,and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.13 I give thee charge in the sight of God,who quickeneth all things and before Christ Jesus,who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession.14 that thou keep this commandment without spot,unrebukeable,until ~~th~~ the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.15 Which in His times He shall shew who is the blessed and only Potentate,the king of Kings,and Lord of Lords.

Rev 2,10 Be thou faithful unto death,and I will give the crown of Life.--Rev.22,14 Blessed are they that do His commandments,that they may have a right to the tree of Life,and may enter in through the gates into the city.

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