

Key Truth Review Lesson #7

Lesson Seven

- Jesus bought us back, or _____ us, to set us free from _____, _____ and the power of the _____ in our lives. He set us free to _____ for Jesus on earth and forever in heaven. Jesus did all this by _____ and _____ as our Substitute, or humbling himself. By his life and death, Jesus set us at one with God. The word for this is _____ (set at one with God).

Key Truth Answers

Lesson Seven

- Jesus bought us back, or **REDEEMED** us, to set us free from **SIN, DEATH** and the power of the **DEVIL** in our lives. He set us free to **LIVE** for Jesus on earth and forever in heaven. Jesus did all this by **LIVING** and **DYING** as our Substitute, or humbling himself. By his life and death, Jesus set us at one with God. The word for this is **ATONEMENT** (set at one with God).

Opening Prayer



(Parent Pray Aloud to begin lesson)

Dear Savior, humiliation wasn't the end for you! Today as we learn about your exaltation, help us to see you in charge of everything and help me look forward to the day you return. Now we're preparing to celebrate the first time you came to earth, as a baby; keep us ready for your majestic return, as a King! In your own name we pray. Amen.

Introduction: Sometimes when a ruler gets a lot of power, he uses his power for his own selfish ends – just to serve himself and make himself rich. He taxes his people far more than he needs to. Then he puts the money into a Swiss bank account so that when he loses power, he will have a huge fortune to live on for the rest of his life. Why would a ruler do something like this? Why would the people be glad to get rid of a ruler like this? Jesus was obviously not that kind of king. When he was exalted and took up his heavenly power and glory again, he continued to be our loving and kind King, who uses his great power for our happiness. That is what our lesson today is about.

LESSON 8

JESUS CHRIST IS EXALTED IN GLORY

STUDY GUIDE

EXALTATION

Being lifted up;
entering glory

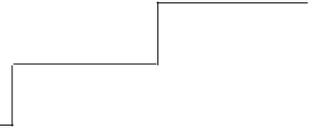
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STUDY GUIDE

The steps which show that the Son of Man has all the power of God:

1 descended into
hell



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JESUS DESCENDED INTO HELL

This is perhaps the most misunderstood phrase of the Second Article. It is often assumed that Christ went to hell to suffer for sins. That is inaccurate. As we see in Matthew 27:46 “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”, Christ suffered hell on the cross. Christ’s descent marks the beginning of his proclamation that he was victorious in his battle with Satan, sin, and death. It just so happens that the demons were to first to hear this message. Next time we use the Apostles’ Creed in worship, maybe we can say it with a little more gusto.

1 Peter 3:18-19

- ¹⁸For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: According to this passage when did Jesus go and preach to the spirits in prison?

Answer: He went after he was put to death in the body and made alive by the Spirit.

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JESUS DESCENDED INTO HELL

WHEN?

After His death and
becoming alive again

[Have your youth record the answer]

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Colossians 2:15

- ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: According to this passage, what did Jesus do to Satan and his cohorts - namely the power and authorities of hell?

Answer: He made a public spectacle of them.

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JESUS DESCENDED INTO HELL

WHEN?

After His death and becoming alive again

WHY?

To proclaim to the devil he had won the victory

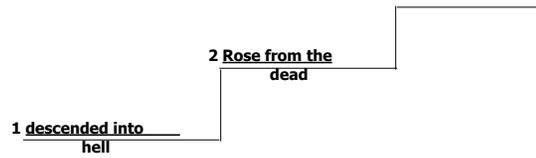
Application Questions

- Jesus did not descend into hell to give the devil and his evil angels a second chance, as some seem to think. What are two reasons why it is important for us to understand this?

It is important, first of all, because it shows us that the devil's fate – being sent to hell forever because of his rebellion against God – has not changed. It's also important because it shows us the total victory Jesus won over the devil. Jesus went right to the devil's home and told the devil to his face that he is defeated.

STUDY GUIDE

The steps which show that the Son of Man has all the power of God:



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JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

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This assures us that:

Let' now look at three things this assures of. The first is recorded in Romans 1:4.

Romans 1:4

- ⁴and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: According to this passage, what did Jesus resurrection prove he was?

Answer: It proves that he is God

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JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

1. He is God.

[Have your youth record the answer]

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John 2:19

- ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

[Have your youth read the passage]

In this passage spoken before the events of Holy week, Jesus promised that he would rise again three days after his temple or body would be destroyed on the cross

Question: Since he did what he said he was going to do, of what does this assure us?

Answer: It assures us that what he said is true.

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JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

1. He is God and what He says is true.

[Have your youth record the answer]

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1 Corinthians 15: 16-18

- ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: According to verse 17, what would happen if Jesus was still dead?

Answer: We would still be in our sins.

If Jesus is still dead then we would be left scratching our heads and wondering if we have to die for our own sins still. Thankfully Jesus was raised to life, which assures us of something. Let's look at Romans 4:25 to see what.

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Romans 4:25

- ²⁵He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: According to this passage, of what does Jesus resurrection assure us?

Answer: It assures us that we are justified.

It assures us that his death was the full payment necessary to redeem me or buy me back from eternal death.

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JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

1. **He is God and what He says is true.**
2. **We are completely redeemed and justified.**

[Have your youth record the answer]

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1 Corinthians 15: 20-23

- 20But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: This passage reminds us that Jesus was raised from the dead. According to verses 21-22 what will happen to us after we die and the resurrected Christ returns.

Answer: We will be made alive or resurrected too.

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JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

1. **He is God and what He says is true.**
2. **We are completely redeemed and justified.**
3. **We will also rise bodily from the dead.**

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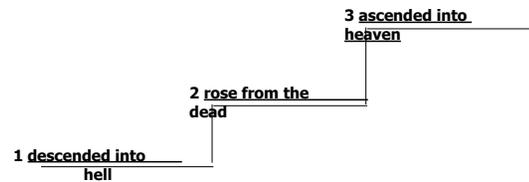
Application Questions

- Which is the most important church festival – Christmas or Easter?

Both are key events. By his birth, Jesus became the God-man, whom he had to be in order to begin his saving work (as we learned in an earlier lesson on the Second Article). By his resurrection, Jesus proved to us that he has completed our salvation. Which is more important, the beginning or the end? I would be impossible to choose one over the other. Both were absolutely necessary to our eternal salvation.

STUDY GUIDE

The steps which show that the Son of Man has all the power of God:



[Have your youth record the answer]

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JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

(40 Days After His Resurrection)

John 14:2-3

- ²In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: These words are spoken to Jesus after his resurrection and before his ascension into heaven. According to verse 2 what was Jesus going to do after he ascended into heaven?

Answer: He was going to prepare a place for believers.

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JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

1. To assure us a prepared heavenly home.

[Have your youth record the answer]

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Acts 1:9-11

- ⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰They 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."

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: This section from Scripture comes from the account of Jesus' ascension. What did the two angels say about Jesus' return?

Answer: They said that he would return in the same way as he left.

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JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

1. To assure us a prepared heavenly home.

2. To assure us he will come back the same way he went.

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Application Questions

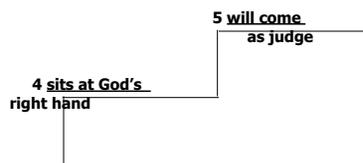
- Comment on the following: Mary and Joanne are talking about the place Jesus is preparing for us. Mary says, "I sure would like to know more about what it's going to be like." Joanne says, "Oh, I don't know. I think it's enough to just to know that Jesus is the one who's preparing it, so I know it will be perfect for us."

Perhaps all of us, like Mary, would like to have all the details. It's rather hard to know there will be a place but not to know much about it. Revelation chapter 21 does give us a few ideas and assures us that it will be a fabulously beautiful place. But even though we don't know a lot about it, we can share Joanne's confidence in Jesus.

(Parents Note – Talk about some of the things that you are looking forward to in your heavenly home. It is okay to let your mind wonder what it will be like – just remember – it will be even better than you could ever think or imagine.)

STUDY GUIDE

The steps which show that the Son of Man has all the power of God:



[Have your youth record the answer]

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JESUS NOW SITS AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND

(the position of
power and authority)

Romans 8:34

- ³⁴Who is he that condemns? 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.

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: According to this passage, what is Jesus doing at God's right hand?

Answer: He is interceding for us at God's right hand.

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JESUS NOW SITS AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND

1. As our High Priest He intercedes for us as we pray.

[Have your youth record the answer]

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Luke 10:16

- ¹⁶"He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: This is Jesus speaking to his disciples. What did people hear as the disciples were speaking for Jesus?

Answer: People essentially heard Jesus' voice.

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JESUS NOW SITS AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND

1. As our High Priest **He intercedes for us as we pray.**
2. As our Prophet **He guides us with His Word.**

[Have your youth record the answer]

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Ephesians 1:20-23

- ²⁰which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: According to verse 22, what does Jesus the King have control over?

Answer: Jesus the king has control over all things for the church.

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Romans 8:28,38-39

- And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: According to verse 28, what is Jesus purpose in controlling all things.

Answer: He is controlling them for our good.

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JESUS NOW SITS AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND

1. As our High Priest **He intercedes for us as we pray.**
2. As our Prophet **He guides us with His Word.**
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[Have your youth record the answer]

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Revelation 1:5b-6

- Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits ⁵ before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
⁶To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

[Have your youth read the passage]

Question: This opening section from Revelation lists a number of things which Jesus has done and continues to do. According to the end of verse 6, what does he then deserve as a result?

Answer: He deserves all glory and power!

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JESUS NOW SITS AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND

1. As our High Priest **He intercedes for us as we pray.**
2. As our Prophet **He guides us with His Word.**
3. As our King **He rules all things for our good.**

Therefore, to Him be

All glory and power forever.

[Have your youth record the answer]

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Application Questions

- Evaluate this statement: Jesus' work as Prophet, Priest, and King while carrying out his ministry here on earth was quite different from what he does now as our Prophet, Priest, and King at God's right hand.

There is a connection between both, but it is also true that what he does now is different in some ways from what he did while he was here on earth.

- As Prophet, he makes sure that the good news of salvation is preached through others. When he was here on earth, Jesus did a lot of this himself. Now he sends us to do it in his name.
- As High Priest, he represents us before God. When he was on earth, he took God's punishment for our sin on himself. Now he represents us before God by pleading our cases and defending us.
- As King, Jesus protects us. When he was on earth he fought the battle for us against our enemies: sin, death, and the devil. Now he protects us against anything that might keep us from being with him in heaven forever.

Application Questions

- You have a chance to share the good news about Jesus with a relative or friend. How does Jesus being exalted again encourage you to speak up, rather than to remain silent or to change the subject?

Jesus' exaltation assures you that you have something really true to share. It also gives you some wonderful things to tell your relative or friend.

Application Questions

- Agree or Disagree: Jesus coming to judge the world is nothing to worry about.

Unbelievers certainly have a lot to worry about. But, as believers, we don't have to worry. We know that Jesus won't condemn us. Judgment day is not something we should take lightly either. Jesus urges us to watch and pray so that we are not caught off guard and do not lose the eternal blessings he has won for us. So worry is not the right word, but watchful is.

Application Questions

- You are baby-sitting (mowing the lawn, delivering groceries) for a person in your neighborhood. Someone notices that you are wearing a T-shirt with the name of your church on it. That person starts to make fun of you, asking whether you are one of those "holy-holy" Christians. What could you say?

Living in righteousness means that you are not ashamed to wear the robes of Jesus' righteousness. If someone makes fun of you for belonging to a Christian church, you are not ashamed or embarrassed to be identified as a person who belongs to Christ. You will answer in a simple, careful way that indicates to that person how important Jesus is to you. You might say something like this: "Yes, I am a Christian who belongs to Jesus. I know that I am a sinner who deserves to be punished by God for all the things I have done contrary to God's will. But God sent his Son, Jesus, to die as my substitute and to take all my sins away. That is why Jesus is so precious to me."

I can only imagine" by Mercy Me

- [Team Hoyt](#)



Surf to this link - the song in the video reminds us to look forward to our heavenly home and imagine what it will be like – but don't have your head in the clouds too far. Don't be so heavenly minded to do no earthly good. The video reminds of that. Just imagine: Many would have written Rick off, but not his Dad. You can live for Jesus today! – click the video and then read the following.

"Dick and Rick Hoyt are a father-and-son team from Massachusetts who together compete just about continuously in marathon races. And if they're not in a marathon they are in a triathlon — that daunting, almost superhuman, combination of 26.2 miles of running, 112 miles of bicycling, and 2.4 miles of swimming. Together they have climbed mountains, and once trekked 3,735 miles across America.

It's a remarkable record of exertion — all the more so when you consider that Rick can't walk or talk.

For the past twenty five years or more Dick, who is 65, has pushed and pulled his son across the country and over hundreds of finish lines. When Dick runs, Rick is in a wheelchair that Dick is pushing. When Dick cycles, Rick is in the seat-pod from his wheelchair, attached to the front of the bike. When Dick swims, Rick is in a small but heavy, firmly stabilized boat being pulled by Dick.

At Rick's birth in 1962 the umbilical cord coiled around his neck and cut off oxygen to his brain. Dick and his wife, Judy, were told that there would be no hope for their child's development." He is a quadriplegic and unable to talk, but boy does he cheer his Dad on. What an inspiration.

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, now I can put my head on my pillow tonight knowing that you are in charge! I can't think of anyone I'd rather have ruling this world. Help me to understand your care and love for me. Bless my continuing study of your Word: the only way I can know you and your way to guide me and bring me closer to you. Amen.



(Have Youth Pray aloud)

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ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT WEEK

1. Study carefully the notes you have taken in class; be sure you understand them.
2. Study questions 197-204 in the Catechism.
3. Complete the "Working with God's Word" section.
4. Memorize these Bible passages:

John 14:19 – "Because I live, you also will live."

John 11:25-26 – "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

John 14:2-3 – "I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT WEEK

5. Review the names of all the New Testament books:

<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Romans</i>	<i>1&2 Thessalonians</i>	<i>Hebrews</i>
<i>Mark</i>	<i>1&2 Corinthians</i>	<i>1&2 Timothy</i>	<i>James</i>
<i>Luke</i>	<i>Galatians</i>	<i>Titus</i>	<i>1&2 Peter</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>Ephesians</i>	<i>Philemon</i>	<i>1,2 & 3 John</i>
<i>Acts</i>	<i>Philippians</i>		<i>Jude</i>
	<i>Colossians</i>		<i>Revelation</i>

6. Complete Worksheet #8

Parents be sure to correct worksheet.

Key Truths

Lesson Eight

- Jesus' exaltation refers to his being _____ . Jesus descended into hell to _____. He rose from the dead to assure us that he is _____, that everything he says is _____ and that we too will _____. At his ascension Jesus promised that he would _____. He now sits at God's right hand which is a position of _____ over all things.

Key Truths

Lesson Eight

- Jesus' exaltation refers to his being **LIFTED UP**. Jesus descended into hell to **PROCLAIM VICTORY**. He rose from the dead to assure us that he is **GOD**, that everything he says is **TRUE** and that we too will **RISE FROM THE DEAD**. At his ascension Jesus promised that he would **COME BACK**. He now sits at God's right hand which is a position of **POWER** over all things.