

CHRISTMAS STATEMENTS: I'M NOT DONE!

HEB. 1:1-4; ACTS 1:6-11

(NKJV) God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

I Peter 3:22 – “Jesus Christ Who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to Him.” Ps. 24:7-10 - “Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty— He is the King of glory.”

Phil. 2:6-11: “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹ **THEREFORE** God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Rev. 11:15 – “Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!””

GOD’S NOT DONE!! What does it mean for us? What is Jesus doing now?

1. Praying for us – Rom. 8:34 - ...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.

Heb. 7:25 – “Therefore He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.

2. Preparing a place – John 14:2 – “In My Father’s house are many mansions...”

II Cor. 5:1,2 – “Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling...”

He is NOT making sacrifice for sins! He’s done that already! Heb. 10:11-14 - 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.

And by the way – Heaven’s big enough for all of us! Rev. 21:16 tells us that heaven is between 1,400 and 1,500 miles CUBED – wide, high, and long.

Isa. 5:14 – hell has enlarged itself. God created hell for the devil and his angels – NOT us.

3. Preparing to return – John 14:3 – if I go and prepare a place, I will come again

Rapture vs. Second Coming - Two returns - First, He will appear in the clouds and catch away His Bride and take her away to Heaven, 1 Thes. 4:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:51-52. Then, after a seven year period of Tribulation here on the earth, I believe that Jesus Himself will return in great glory and will defeat the armies of the Anti-Christ and will establish His throne from which He will rule and reign for a thousand years, Rev. 19 & 20.

Our response: Matt. 24:44 - you must be ready, because you do not know when.

Acts 1:11 - why do you stand here looking into the sky?

Our responsibility: Acts 1:8 – be witnesses; Matt. 28:19,20 - as you go, make disciples

