



1 Timothy 3:14-16

The Gospel: Grounds for Godly Living Part 2

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The Christ Hymn

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He who was revealed in the flesh,
Was vindicated in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Proclaimed among the nations,
Believed on in the world,
Taken up in glory.

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Christ "Appeared to" Angels

Passive voice: "was seen by"

Active voice: "appeared to"

Acts 7:2

And he said, "Hear me, brethren and fathers! **The God of glory appeared to** our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

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Christ "Appeared to" Angels

1 Cor. 15:5-8

and that **He appeared to** Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that **He appeared to** more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then **He appeared to** James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, **He appeared to** me also.

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Christ's Victory Over the Angels

1 Peter 3:18-19

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 19 in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison...

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Preaching to Nations Fulfills Promises

Isaiah 49:6

He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; **I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**"

Applications

1. We must understand that Christ's finished work assures us of victory in the heavenly realm.
2. We should realize the privilege we have in participating in Christ's victory through proclaiming the gospel.

Assured Victory in Heavenly Realm

Colossians 2:14-15

having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

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Our Duty and Privilege

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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