

## “The Mystery of Godliness”

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### “Received Up Into Glory”

After Jesus had finished the glorious work of God’s Scheme of Redemption, and became the “*author and finisher of our faith*” (**Hebrews 12:2**), He was taken up into heaven to be “*exalted to the right hand of God*” (**Acts 2:33**), where there He received from the Ancient of Days “*dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed*” (**Daniel 7:13-14**). Indeed, He was “*received up into glory*”! He will remain there as “*King of kings, and Lord of lords*” (**1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 7:14; 19:16**) ruling over the nations with a “*rod of iron*” and “*a sharp sword*” (**Revelation 2:27; 19:15**) until the last enemy shall be destroyed, which is death (**1 Corinthians 15:25-26**).

### Conclusion

This verse is thought by some to be the lines of a spiritual hymn sung by saints in the first century. It may be that a hymn was developed from this verse, as opposed to the other way around! But in either event, it sums up beautifully the Gospel truths concerning faith in Jesus Christ!

Dear reader, are you a **believer** in Jesus Christ? Have you **submitted** to His rule and authority as King of kings, and more *especially* as King over your life? If not, then one day you will be gathered before Jesus on the Judgment Day to confess to your own condemnation the truth that “*Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*” (**Philippians 2:11**). So why not **trust and obey** Him now that you may be glorified together with Him when He returns on the glorious last day of time?

“*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling*” ~ **Philippians 2:12**. This is my prayer and heart’s desire for every human being.

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