Rely On God Who Has All Power Sierra Baptist Church AM – 2-12-2017 Ephesians 1:18-23

Rely On God Who Raised Jesus from The Dead. V. 20

If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:10-11 NASB

Rely On God Who Seated Jesus At His Right Hand In The Heavenlies. V. 20

Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Romans 8:33-34 NASB

This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. Acts 2:32-33 NASB

Rely On God Who Placed Jesus Above All. V. 21- 22a

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority. Colossians 2:8-10 NASB

Rely On God Who Placed Jesus As Head of His Church. V. 22b-23

Christians are His body.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27 NASB

Christians are to seek and follow His direction.

He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. Colossians 1:18-20 NASB

While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. Acts 13:2-3 NASB

Christians are to be the fullness of Jesus.

John testified about Him and cried out saying, "This is He of whom I said, 'He who come after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.' "For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. John 1:15-16 NASB

Rely On God Whose Power Is In Christians. V. 19

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 NASB