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#4 Christ was victorious by _____ to Heaven and _____ supreme over all ²²

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Ephesians 1:19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

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- 3 What does it mean to be spiritually baptized? And how does Christ give all His children a washed conscience?
- 4 Why is the resurrection so important to our Christian faith? List as many reasons as you can?
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