

The Ascension of Jesus Christ!

KJV Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

The Ascension of Christ is the transference of His resurrected body from this world to heaven where He's seated at the right hand of God.

It encompasses the entirety of **Him being raised up!**

His mission would have been incomplete if He would have been resurrected but remained on earth, He had to be **raised to the highest place** so He could be **exalted!**

Acts 5:30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

God The Father **exalted** Jesus, **He lifted Jesus on high and raised Him to the highest place, rank, & honor!**

The ascension of Christ is not just about being raised from the dead, as powerful as it was.

The ascension is about the **exaltation & glorification** of Christ!

To understand our destiny, we must understand the **exaltation & glorification** of Jesus Christ!

He was **sown** in dishonor, raised in **glory**, sown in **weakness**, raised in **power**, sown a **natural body** and raised a **spiritual body**.

John 17:4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

5 Now, Father, give me glory in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world existed.

Romans 8:17 If we are his children, we are also God's heirs. If we share in Christ's suffering in order to share his glory...

There is glory in our future! You may have a messy past but through Christ we have a glorious future!

1 Corinthians 6:14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

2 Corinthians 4:14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

Acts 2:24 But God raised him from death to life and destroyed the pains of death, because death had no power to hold him.

Death has no power over Jesus and therefore has no power over us!

Quoting **Psalm 16** and David saying...

Psalm 16:8 I always keep the LORD in front of me. When he is by my side, I cannot be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

David prophesying about the resurrected Christ says:

Because I know my Redeemer lives:

I keep Him always in view so I know I can't be stopped or defeated!

My heart is **always** glad and my whole being **rejoices** and **my flesh rests securely!**

Because I know you won't leave me in the hell I'm going through.

You won't abandon me and leave me in the hands of demons.

Neither will my soul see decay or be destroyed.

Psalm 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

As God leads us out of death, He leads us beside still waters and restores our souls (minds, wills, and emotions)!

As He leads us into eternal life, where goodness and mercy are and His presence brings us the fullness of joy, at His right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Coming to know the true power of His resurrection is understanding Christ being raised wasn't complete until His ascension to the Right Hand of The Father.

The coming forth from the grave was an elevation & promotion.

It signaled a change in status and authority!

Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

God The Father highly exalted Christ:

- By raising Him from the dead!
- By raising Him up to heaven!
- By giving Him a name (rank, honor, and authority)!
- By giving Him rank, honor, and authority above all rank, honor, and authority, in heaven, earth, and the world below!

So, every speaking being would acknowledge Jesus Christ is Lord (**Kurios**) to the glory of God The Father.

Acts 2:34 David didn't go up to heaven, but he said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Take my highest position of power 35 until I put your enemies under your control."

The Ascension of Christ signaled **two specific** things, the entrance of The Holy Spirit to the earth, and making Christ's enemies a **footstool for His feet**.

Christ's ascension released The Holy Spirit to come to earth and fill the hearts of believing people on The Day of Pentecost **10 days** after His ascension and **50 days** after His resurrection..

His ascension is what solidified Christ's **superiority** over all!

He **ascended** through the ranks, from **Sheol** (the place of the dead), the **earth** and all who opposed and rejected Him, through the **heavens**, so all the hosts of heaven can witness Him being **seated** (honored) at the **right hand** of The Father, the highest position!

If Jesus would have stayed on earth and not ascended, He would be a local Savior!

And since a man Jesus ascended into heaven, all humans who believe on Him can also go to heaven.

The Ascension of Christ is the ultimate hope and confidence builder for the church.

He got up so we can get up! He went up so we can't stay down!

Nothing can hold us back or hold us down, because nothing can separate us from the love of Christ!

As He is, so are we in this world! He went to prepare a place for us so where He is we can be also!

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