



THE APOSTLES' CREED





Nothing can be known either of God or man until God has become man in Jesus Christ.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



The ascension of Jesus is not often seen to be a critical part of our faith today. Of all the aspects of Christ's life, perhaps no aspect has been more neglected than this: "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty."

- Rankin Wilbourne, *Union With Christ*



³²”This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.”

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”



The Ascension of Jesus means...
He's more **FULLY PRESENT**
than you ever thought.



When the New Testament writers speak of the ascension, they are not describing Jesus' absence but his sovereign presence throughout creation. He has not gone away but has become even more fully present. Because he is ascended, his life is universally available.



¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.



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Because Jesus has ascended, he is even nearer to us and to all things... And through our union with Christ, we share also in his ascension. The lives of believers are now forever located “in Christ,” as Paul often says. When Jesus ascends to the Father, he takes our humanity with him... In Jesus, our nature has taken up residence in the presence of God.



The Ascension of Jesus means...
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He's more **POWERFUL**
than you ever thought.



¹¹And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.



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He therefore sits on high, transfusing us with his power, that he may quicken us to spiritual life, sanctify us by his Spirit, adorn his church with diverse gifts of his grace, keep it safe from all harm by his protection, restrain the raging enemies of his cross and of our salvation by the strength of his hand, and finally hold all power in heaven and on earth. All this he does until he shall lay low all his enemies (who are our enemies too) and complete the building of his church. This is the true state of his Kingdom; this is the power that the Father has conferred upon him, until, in coming to judge the living and the dead, he accomplishes his final act.



If you are united with Jesus...

...Jesus is WITH you!

...Jesus is FOR you!