

Theme: The Apostle's Creed - "He Ascended to Heaven"

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And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9 ESV)

After his resurrection, Jesus Christ was on earth for forty days before being taken up to Heaven in the presence of his disciples to receive unsurpassed honor and power. This was a miracle. The ascension of Jesus signifies Him taking the throne in glory. We praise and rejoice whenever we think of the ascension.

Jesus Christ, whom we believe in and worship, is the living Lord who lives forever. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling over all, and interceding on our behalf. This fact also ensures glory and grace for us. Every Christian that believes in Him has already been made alive from death and risen with the Lord. They will likewise be seated with Him in Heaven. From the moment of belief, eternal life already starts as a foretaste of Heaven on earth.

• REFLECTION

- Do we worship the living Lord who lives and reigns forever?
- Do we always remember that the one seated by the Father is interceding on our behalf?

• RENEW

- We have living faith in a risen Lord, the knowledge of which gives us strength and hope.
- Since we already taste Heaven on earth, let us not be limited by what the eyes can see or be tempted by the world.

• PRAYER REQUESTS

- That all seekers will know this risen and living Lord.
- For the church: 1) that we continue to trust Him in all our ministries; 2) for the spiritual renewal of all members; 3) that the Father will continue to guide His church; and 4) members who are ill or unemployed will have hope, peace and joy in the Lord.
- For the Kingdom: the Father will further His Kingdom through His missionaries, and the Father will protect Christians suffering from persecution.