

Ascension of Jesus Christ; His Present Work; His Future Work
Volume 6 - Unit 12

(III. The Work of Jesus Christ - continued)

E. His Ascension

1. Where Was He During the 40 Days?
 - a. Spirit (soul) goes to the Father (Luke 23:43, 46)
 - b. Body is buried, for 3 days (Luke 23:53)
 - c. "Preached" to the spirits in prison (I Peter 3:18-20)
 - d. The necessity for the visible ascension
2. The Event (Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:6-12)
3. The Arrival in Heaven (Acts 2:33-36, 7:55-56, 9:3-6, etc.)
4. Where is Heaven? (Hebrews 4:14, "through the heavens")
5. The Theological Significance
 - a. Renewal of preincarnate glory (John 17:5)
 - b. Bestowal of new honor and glory - as a result of His work (Philemon 2:9 - "wherefore", Isaiah 53:12 - "therefore" . . . "because")

c. Entrance of resurrected humanity into heaven guarantees our own entrance (Hebrews 6:20)

d. Beginning of His present work

F. His Present Work

1. The Work of Exercising Lordship

a. A reality now (I Peter 3:22, Ephesians 1:20-22)

b. But limited temporarily (Psalms 110:1, I Corinthians 15:23-28)

2. The Mediatorial Work of the Great High Priest (Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25, 9:24)

a. Meaning: Christ prays for us.

b. What does He pray for? (John 17)

(1) Our eternal salvation (and fellowship) (John 17:11, 15)

(2) Our sanctification (John 17:17, 19)

(3) Our oneness (John 17:21-23)

(4) Our eventual presence in heaven with Him (John 17:24)

c. Not perpetual sacrifice (Hebrews 9:28, 10:10, 18)

d. One mediator (I Timothy 2: 5)

3. Earthly Ministry Through His Church (Acts 1:1-2)

G. His Future Work

1. The second coming
2. The resurrection of dead believers
3. The transformation of living believers
4. The translation (rapture) of both from the earth
5. The binding of Satan
6. The institution of the millennial kingdom on earth
7. The defeat of the final rebellion (Gog, Magog)
8. The final incarceration of Satan in the lake of fire
9. The dissolution of the present heavens and earth
10. The resurrection of the unrighteous dead
11. The judgment of the great white throne
12. The final incarceration of unbelievers in the lake of fire
13. The new heavens and the new earth, the New Jerusalem
14. The deliverance of the kingdom to the Father
15. The eternal state

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - Hebrews 7:25 – “Wherefore he is able also to save them completely that come unto God by him, because he lives forever to make intercession for them.”