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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

**The Ascension and Session of Christ
Ephesians 1:20**

Eph. 1:16, “[I also] do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

Eph. 1:17, “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is *the hope of His calling*, what are *the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*

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οἶδα *oida* perf act infin to know,

When this process results in an item or body of knowledge which may serve as a basis for further thought and action, *oida* (infin. *eidenai*), to know, is used

Hope focuses on our certain future.

Col. 1:5, “because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,”

Titus 1:2, “in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,”

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ἐλπίς *elpis* fem

sing dat (comm)

hope, confident

expectation

Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”

Eph. 4:4, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;”

Eph. 1:18, “... that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what is the wealth of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,”

Eph. 1:11, “In addition, it was through union with Him we were made His possession by His laying claim to us according to His purpose who works all these things according to the counsel of His will.” ~RD

Eph. 1:14, “who is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.” ~RD

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ὑπερβάλλω

***hyperballo* pres
act part neut sing
nom to exceed,
surpass**

μέγεθος *megethos* neut

**sing nom (m)
greatness;
magnificence**

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ἰσχύς *ischus*

“mighty”

**fem sing gen
(m) strength,
might**

κράτος

kratos

“power”

**neut sing
gen power,
might**

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**ἐνεργέω *energeo* 3 sing aor act indic
to work, to be active, to exercise
power**

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ἐγείρω *egeiro*

**aor act part masc
sing nom to
raise, lift up**

**temporal:
“when”**

καθίζω *kathizo*

**aor act part masc
sing nom to sit, set,
place**

Acts 1:9, “Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Acts 1:10, “And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,”

Acts 1:11, “who also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.’ ”



- 1. FOUR Messianic Psalms: Psalm 89; 110; 2; and 132 plus Daniel 7**
- 2. The terms Son of Man and Son of God; Son of David and King of kings and Lord of lords**
- 3. The Davidic Covenant as the foundation for understanding all of the above**
- 4. The Melchizedekian priesthood and its fulfillment in Christ**

What the Bible Teaches About The Accomplishments of the Ascension



1. The Ascension validated and certified Christ's prophecy that He would go to the Father.

John 14:28, "You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I."

2. The Ascension is pictured with passive voice verbs, indicating God the Father's acceptance and reception of His Son back to Glory in Heaven. (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:2, 9, 11, 22)

3. The Ascension is pictured as a Rapture and thus is a shadow or type of the future pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church.

Revelation 12:5, “And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught [*harpazo*] up to God and to His throne.”

4. The Ascension completes the Strategic Victory of Christ in the angelic conflict.

ONE: Crucifixion—Victory over the penalty of sin—Spiritual death

TWO: Resurrection—Victory over consequences of sin—Physical death

THREE: Ascension—Victory over Satan and his demonic armies

5. The Ascension elevated a MAN to the right hand of God the Father and the command post of the universe.

Acts 2:32, “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

Acts 2:33, “Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

Acts 2:34, “For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,” ’ ”

6. The Ascension marks the beginning of Christ's High Priestly ministry.

7. In the Ascension the Messiah is the forerunner into Heaven.

Hebrews 6:20, “where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

8. Jesus' present position in Heaven marks the position of the Church Age believer in the heavenlies. Because we are in Him we are also currently seated with Him at the right hand of the Father in current positional truth. Eph. 2:6

9. The Ascension demonstrates the manner of Christ's future Second Coming.

10. The Ascension transferred the Old Testament saints from Paradise to Heaven. (Eph. 4:9, 10)

11. Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit to perform the following post-salvation ministries in the life of the Church Age believer:

Baptism by means of the Holy Spirit

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Filling ministry of God the Holy Spirit

Distribution of Spiritual Gifts

12. The Ascension marks the beginning of the waiting period for the Kingdom while a new people is formed related to His third royal title: King of kings and Lord of lords.