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"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Therefore, **He** says, **'When He ascended up on High, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men'** (Psalm 68: 18). Now, that 'He ascended,' what is it but that **He also descended** first into the lower parts of the earth? **He (Jesus) who descended is the same** also who **ascended up far above** all the heavens, so that **He might fill all things**." (Ephesians 4:4-10)

Ascended up: from the Greek word **anabas** which means: having-ascended-up; having-went-up; or gone up. To move upward to a higher place; in context: far above all the heavens into the Highest Heaven where God dwells; and where Jesus is now seated at the Right Hand of God the Father. This event in the life of Jesus is now called the Ascension of Christ Jesus.

The actual Ascension of Christ Jesus from earth back into Heaven, after His crucifixion and resurrection from the dead, was prophesied as follows:

"The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels; the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the Holy Place. **You have Ascended on High, You have led captivity captive:** You have received gifts for men." (Psalm 68:17-18)

"Who has **ascended up into heaven**, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His Name (Yahweh), and what is His Son's Name (Jesus); if you know?" (Proverbs 30:4)

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the **Son of Man** came with **the clouds** of heaven, and **came (ascended)** to the **Ancient of Days (to God the Father)**, and they (angels) brought **Him (Jesus)** near before Him (the Father). And there was given to Him (to Jesus) dominion, and glory, and a Kingdom (His official coronation as King of kings!), so that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom is that-which shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14)

Jesus also Himself foretold His Ascension:

"Many therefore of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, 'This is a hard saying; who can hear it?' When Jesus knew in Himself that his disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, 'Does this offend you? What then if you shall see the **Son of Man ascend up where He was before (in Heaven)**? It is the Spirit who makes-alive; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.'" (John 6:60-63)

"But Mary stood outside the Tomb weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the Tomb, and saw two angels in white-clothing sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they said unto her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said unto them, 'Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him.' And when she had thus spoken, she turned around, and saw Jesus standing, but did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said unto her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Who do you seek?' She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said unto Him, 'Sir, if you have carried Him from here, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.' Jesus said unto her, 'Mary!' She turned herself, and said unto Him, 'Rabboni!' which is to say, 'Master!' Jesus said unto her, 'Do not touch Me; for **I have not yet Ascended to My Father**; but go to My brethren, and say unto them, '**I ascend unto My Father**, and your Father; and **unto My God**, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that **He had spoken these things unto her**.'" (John 20:11-18)

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The historical fulfillment of this of this prophecy was fulfilled in the Ascension of Jesus as follows:

Jesus said, " 'And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but stay you in the city of Jerusalem, until you are endued with power from on High.' And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, **He was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven.** And they **worshipped Him**, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the Temple, praising and blessing God. Amen." (Luke 24:49-53)

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He (Jesus) was **received up into Heaven (His Ascension)**, and sat down at the Right Hand of God." (Mark 16:19)

"The former account (the Gospel of Luke) that I composed, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up (ascended up into Heaven), after **He** through the Holy Spirit had given commandments unto the apostles whom **He** had chosen; to whom also **He showed Himself alive after His passion** (the suffering, crucifixion, and death of Jesus) by many infallible proofs, being seen by them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God: And, (Jesus) being assembled together with them (His disciples), commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, 'You have heard **from Me.**' For John truly baptized with water; but you shall be baptized **with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.' Therefore, when they had come together, they asked of **Him**, saying, 'Lord, will You at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel?' And **He** said unto them, 'It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which **the Father** has put in His own power. But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses **unto Me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.' 9 And when **He** had spoken these things, while they looked on, **He was taken up (ascended into Heaven); and a cloud received Him out of their sight.** And while they looked steadfastly **toward heaven as He went up**, behold, two men stood by them in white clothing; who also said, 'You men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, **who is taken up from you into heaven**, shall also come in like manner as you have **seen Him go into Heaven.** Then they returned unto Jerusalem from the Mount called Olivet." (Acts 1:1-12)

The Place of His Ascension: is at the Right Hand of God the Father! Please consider the following:

"The LORD said unto my Lord, '**Sit at My Right Hand**, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.' " (Psalm 110:1) (a prophecy fulfilled upon His Ascension!)

"And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led **Him (Jesus)** into their council, saying, 'Are You the Christ? tell us.' And He said unto them, 'If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I also ask you, you will not answer Me, nor let Me go. But Hereafter **the Son of Man shall be Seated on the Right Hand of the Power of God.**' Then they all said, 'Are You then the **Son of God?** And He said unto them, 'You (correctly) say that I am.' And they said, 'What need do we have for any further witness? For we ourselves have heard from His own mouth.' " (Luke 22:66-71)

"Every priest stands daily ministering and offering over and over the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But **this Man (Jesus), after He had offered One Sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the Right Hand of God**; and henceforth looking-forward until 'His enemies are made a footstool for His feet' (Psalm 110:1). For by **one** offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified." (Hebrews 10:7-12-14)

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Other similar verses:

"...and is at the Right Hand of God." (1Peter3:18-22)
"...and has sat down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God." (Hebrews12:1-2)
"...is seated at the Right Hand of the Throne of the Majesty...." (Heb.8:1-2)
"...sat down at the Right Hand of the Majesty On High." (Hebrews1:1-5)
"...where Christ sits at the Right Hand of God." (Colossians3:1-4)
"...and set Him at His own Right Hand in the heavenly places." (Ephesians1:16-23)
"...who is even at the Right Hand of God, and intercedes for us." (Romans8:31-39)

The purpose of His Ascension:

"But Christ has come as a High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle, not made with hands; that is to say, not of this creation; nor by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood (through death on the Cross) He **entered** in **once** into the **Holy Place** (the throne room of God), having obtained **eternal redemption for us**. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkled on the unclean (a sinner), sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh; How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge our conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause **He is the Mediator of the New Covenant**, so that by means of (His) death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, **those** who are called might receive the promise of Eternal Inheritance.... For Christ has not **entered** into the holy places made with human-hands, which are the figures of the true; **but into Heaven itself**, now to appear in the presence of God **for us**." (Hebrews 9:11-15; ... 24)

"Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest, who has **Passed** (ascended) through the Heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our profession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses; but was in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, so that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4:12-16)

Believers shall also ascend into heaven with Jesus, when He comes again; as it says:

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those also who sleep (who have died) in Jesus, **God will bring with Him** (back into Heaven). For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall not precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up together** with them **in the clouds**, to **meet the Lord in the air**; and so we shall always be with the Lord." (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17)

Jesus Has Ascended into Heaven !

There He has been Crowned King of Kings !
There He is Seated at the Right Hand of God Almighty !!
There His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away !
and His Kingdom is that-which shall never be destroyed !
There He intercedes for us !!

Thank You King Jesus That we shall be with You always I Your Eternal Kingdom !!
Lord Jesus, You were Crucified for our Salvation !
You have Risen for our Justification !
You Have Ascended as our Mediator before Your Father – and our Father !!

All Praise, Glory, Majesty, Dominion, and Power, are Yours forever !! Amen !