

The Mystery of Ascension
Acts 1:1–11 Ephesians 2:6
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Introduction

We are now in week five of our journey through the series titled, “From the Open Tomb to the Upper Room.” ... We have walked together through the shattered gates of death, - where Jesus crushed the serpent’s head and broke the power of the grave ... We have lingered in the sacred hush of His post-resurrection appearances – those holy moments when the risen Christ revealed Himself in intimacy, in fire, in bread, and in breath ... And now – we come to the Mystery of the Ascension.

At first glance, - the ascension might appear to be a mere departure ... Jesus rising bodily into the heavens, - caught up in the clouds, - taken from the sight of men ... A farewell ... A closing scene to a divine drama ... But beloved, - is that all it is? ... Is the Ascension simply the moment Jesus exits the stage of history? ... Did He leave them – leave us behind – to figure this thing out all on our own? ... Was this the quiet start of a new, - powerless normal for the disciples – a return to fishing boats and broken nets, - now with a mission strapped to their backs? ... Or - - is there more?

Could it be that the Ascension is not an end, - but an unveiling? ... Not a goodbye, - but a glorification? ... Not a disappearance, - but an elevation of all things? ... I tell you today: this moment is a mystery – not of absence, - but of enthronement! ... It is a portal through which heaven and earth touch ... It is the crowning of the Christ ... The lifting up of humanity in Him ... The restoration of dominion ... The beginning of a new dimension of access ... The gateway to the outpouring of the Spirit ... The Ascension is not Jesus stepping away ... It is Jesus stepping into His fullness ... And in Him – we too are seated in heavenly places ... Let us open our hearts and behold the Ascension ... Not with carnal eyes, - but with the eyes of our born-

again spirit ... For in this mystery, - we do not witness a man leaving earth ... We behold the Son of Man who unites earth and heaven.

Transition

By now, - I pray we have come to recognize – there are layers upon layers of revelation – woven into every event in Scripture ... These are not just stories of the past – they are portals of present encounters – living words – that unfold in power – according to our hunger and surrender ... The depth of what revelation you will receive – is not limited by God’s willingness to reveal, - but is determined by your willingness to expand – to be stretched, - renewed, - and awakened by His indwelling Spirit.

So, I ask you today - - Will you allow the Spirit within you to enlarge your capacity? ... Will you permit Him to take you deeper – beyond the surface of the text, - into the deep revelational truth it contains? ... Will you yield to the mystery of the Ascension – and let it open your eyes to eternal possibilities? ... Realize – this is more than a historical event – it is an invitation ... Not just to gain more information – but to be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Scripture Text

Acts 1:9-11 The Voice

As He finished this commission, - He began to rise from the ground before their eyes - until the clouds obscured Him from their vision ... 10 As they strained to get one last glimpse of Him going into heaven, - the Lord’s emissaries realized two men in white robes were standing among them ... **Two Men:** 11 You Galileans, - - Why are you standing here staring up into the sky? ... This Jesus who is leaving you and ascending to heaven - will return in the same way you see Him departing.

Ephesians 4:10 New Living Translation

And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, - - so that he might fill the entire universe with Himself.

So, let's do a deep dive into these texts – so that we may explore – three soul expanding – mind renewing – mystical truths

Jesus Ascended in Order to Fill All Things

The Ascension was never about escape – it was about expansion ... Jesus didn't rise to heaven to abandon the earth – He ascended to permeate it ... In His earthly form, - He was limited to one place at one time ... But now – through the Spirit – He fills every believer, - every gathering, - every household, - every oikos - - and yes, - even the heavens!

This is the mystery: He ascended to fill all things ... But let's be honest – this is not an easy concept for the natural mind to grasp ... People tend to compartmentalize ... We divide and define, - we separate and isolate ... We think in terms of “here” and “there,” - - “you” and “me,” - - “heaven” and “earth.” ... Even now, - we say, - “This sanctuary is filled with people.” ... But what if – in the Spirit – it is not we who are occupy the sanctuary ... Rather – the sanctuary is filled with Him – and we are contained within Christ? ... See - - We think as individuals, - occupying a space ... But in the Spirit, - there is a higher truth - - we are not separate at all ... We are not isolated fragments – but members of one Body, - contained within Christ, - and Christ contains all.

This is the revelation of Ephesians 4:10 ... “He who ascended – is the same One who first descended, - and He ascended so that **He might fill all things**” ... That means everything above, - everything on earth, - everything beneath the earth – all is now enfolded in Him.

Colossians 1:17 NLT

He existed before anything else, - and He holds all creation together. *(and everything lives in Him - - and everything continues because of Him)*

John 1:4 Names of God Bible

He was the source of life, - and that life was the light for humanity.

John 5:26 NLT

The Father has life in Himself, - and He has granted that same life-giving power to His Son.

When Christ ascended, - He didn't exit the scene - He engulfed it ... Everything was swallowed up in His glory ... He fills the cosmos ... He fills the church ... He fills you ... And because of this truth – there is no longer any separation, - no isolation, - no exclusion ... All is in Him ... All lives because of Him ... And in Him, - we are one.

We are Co-Existing in Dual Realms

Ephesians 2:6 declares a profound mystery ... We have been raised up together, and seated together in the heavenly realms – in Christ Jesus ... This is not a future promise – it is a present reality ... But here's the revelation ... This is not about occupying two separate places – this is about living in one seamless realm through the mystery of union ... The Ascension was not about Christ going far away – it was about Christ bringing all things into Himself ... He ascended – not to create distance – but to unveil oneness ... You are not one part flesh and one part spirit ... You don't have not one foot in heaven and one on earth ... You are entirely one with the ascended Christ, - and wherever He is, - you are.

As Luke 17:21 says, - - The Kingdom of God is within you ... And 1 Corinthians 6:17 makes it even clearer - - He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him ... That means there is no real “here” and “there” - - there is only – “In Him” ... Heaven is not up there somewhere ... And earth is not down here ... Christ is all, and in all ... You are not trying to climb into heaven – nor pull things down from there to here ... We all need to awaken to the truth – that heaven has already claimed you – that the kingdom already fills you ... This takes a serious mindset shift ... Humanity thinks is “locations” ... The Spirit deals with “dimensions” ... See – we are not reaching for a realm – we are the embodiment of that realm / dimension ... Because we are in Him – engulfed within Him – we need to stop asking for an encounter with Him – because we are one with Him.

We are not beside Christ in the heavenly places – we are in complete union with Christ ... We are not sharing His throne as a guest – you are engulfed within the enthroned King ... The kingdom is not over your head – in some far away place – it is within your very being ... So let this truth uproot every trace of separation in your thinking ... You are not a mere human waiting to arrive in heaven one day ... You are a spirit being – united with Christ – expressing heaven on earth – just like He did ... Never forget that you are His temple, - His body, - His voice, - His hands in this world ... You are the interface – the divine fusion point – where heaven and earth move as one ... This is the mystery of ascension: Christ did not leave – He filled ... He did not rise apart from you – He rose in order to engulf you ... And now, - in perfect union, - we co-exist in multiple dimensions without separation – because in Him, - there is only One ... Christ is all and in all

Colossians 3:10-11 New King James Version

and have put on the new man - - who is renewed in knowledge - - according to the image of Him who created him, ... 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, ... **but Christ is all and in all.**

The Principle of the Intersection

Acts 1:10-11 Voice

As they strained to get one last glimpse of Him going into heaven, - the Lord's emissaries realized two men in white robes were standing among them ... Two Men: 11 You Galileans, **why are you standing here staring up into the sky?** ... This Jesus who is leaving you and ascending to heaven - will return in the same way you see Him departing.

These two trans-dimensional beings asked a very thought-provoking question ... “Why are you standing here staring up into the sky?” ... Notice this - - They were not rebuking their curiosity – they were confronting their perception of separation ... This is why they commented that Jesus will return ... These beings understood a concept – that many of us still have not awakened to ... Now catch this principle – there is no separation or division between heaven and earth – spirit and matter – natural and supernatural ... There is only One realm – the

Kingdom – comprised of many dimensions ... This realm flows from divine union ... made manifest through Christ ... and is now to be expressed in and through us.

Notice – these beings were not “of this dimension” – yet they moved freely within it ... They did not descend from another place – they simply became visible in the place where they already were ... Grasp this – those who walk in union – understanding Christ is all and in all – realize that there are no barrier between dimensions – only intersections ... And this is another mystery that the Ascension unveils ... That Christ did not rise to leave us behind – He ascended to bring all things together in Himself ... Heaven and earth – now intersect in the Spirit ... The veil is torn ... Not just between God and man – but between what we once called “natural” and “supernatural” ... There is now one seamless existence – centered in Christ – flowing through His Body ... And because we are one with Him – we are not waiting for an open heaven ... We are the open heaven so to speak ... We are not hoping for a visitation – we are the habitation ... We are not spectators looking up – we are participants radiating out ... We are the interface – the portal – the temple – where the eternal intersects the temporal ... and the unseen becomes visible.

Because of the Ascension – there is now a new mode of existence – available to those who will awaken ... To those who will believe ... To those who will stop staring at the sky and start radiating from within ... To those who will expand their consciousness – and walk in the divine union that has already been accomplished ... The Kingdom is within you ... The Spirit flows through you ... And the works that Christ did – are the works that now manifest in those who live in the intersection – where heaven and earth are no longer separate – but one in Him.

Take Away

So, what does this mystery of the Ascension mean for us – today? ... What do we do with the revelation – that Christ did not depart – but filled all and all? ... That heaven is not “up there” – but “in here”? ... That we are not spectators of glory – but divine partakers of His glory?

Here is the application

As a man thinks in his heart – so is he ... So, what do you think about what You just heard? ... Did it hurt your head? ... What did it do in your heart? ... Did it resonate in your spirit – that you are engulfed in Him – one with Him – flowing in Him? ... This is the starting point ... You can seek to apply – what you yet to believe ... You can't fake it until you make it ... These principles of: Christ fills All - - There is only one kingdom – with many dimensions – and they all reside within you - - There are point of divine intersection where we can intersect with different dimensions – as those trans-dimensional beings did – who conversed with the disciples.

So, what am I saying? ... Until you grapple with – and come to grips with these principles – by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform and expand you ... You can not apply the mystery of the ascension ... But it is possible – as we see in the life of the apostles – they came to terms with there principles and functioned as Jesus did

The Ascension is not a story to remember ... It is a realm to live from ... A reality to walk in ... A union to manifest ... Don't stand around – staring into the sky – wondering when Jesus will show up ... You are His showing up ... You are His expression ... You are His hands, His feet, His heart, His glory – in this dimension ... The world doesn't need another sign in the clouds ... The world needs a people who know they are the intersection ... A people who burn with the light of the ascended Christ ... A people who speak not as those separated from God – but as those who are one with Him ... A people who walk through walls, - shift atmospheres, - release healing, - and breathe love – because the One who fills all in all – fills them.

So, I ask you ... Will you stop looking up – and start living from within? ... Will you stop waiting for another move – and realize you are the move? ... Will you stop praying for the heavens to open – and awaken to the truth that you are the open heaven? ... Beloved – it's time to ascend in awareness ... To expand in union ... To live as One ... He has ascended – yes ... But in that ascension – He took you with Him ... So, rise up – in mind, - in spirit, - in purpose ... And walk in the mystery of the ascended life.

Closing Prayer

Abba Father, - - We thank You for the mystery ... The mystery that has now been made known in Christ Jesus ... That He who descended has also ascended – Far above all – to fill all things ... And that in His ascension – we have not been left behind – we have been brought in.

Today, we receive the truth – that we are not separated from You – we are one with You ... That heaven is not a future hope – it is a present reality ... That the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead – now lives – and moves – and breathes – within us ... We no longer look to the sky, - we look within ... We no longer cry out for distance to be closed ... We awaken to the union already accomplished ... Father, expand our awareness ... Stretch our spirit to live from the ascended place ... To walk in the power of Your indwelling presence ... To be the intersection – the portal – the vessel – through which Your Kingdom is revealed on earth.

Let us be the people who live the ascended life – not waiting – but walking ... Not begging – but believing ... Not doubting – but demonstrating ... Your Kingdom come – Your will be done – In us ... as it is in heaven ... Fill every heart – ignite every soul ... Let the flame of divine union burn bright in us ... And let the world see the risen, ascended Christ – living ... loving ... and reigning ... through Your body ... We pray this in the name of Jesus – The One who ascended – the One who fills all – And the One who lives in us - - Amen.