

**WE CELEBRATE THE ASCENSION OF JESUS BECAUSE IT
PERMITTED THE _____!**

John 16:7 (ESV)

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”

The HOLY SPIRIT _____ is better than JESUS _____!

Ephesians 1:1 (NIV84)

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus...”

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PROVIDED US A _____!**

Acts 1:9–11 (NLT)

“After saying this, He was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see Him. As they strained to see Him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday He will return from heaven in the same way you saw Him go!’”

1 Corinthians 15:23–26 (CEV)

“We must each wait our turn. Christ was the first to be raised to life, and His people will be raised to life when He returns. Then after Christ has destroyed all powers and forces, the end will come, and He will give the kingdom to God the Father. Christ will rule until he puts all his enemies under his power, and the last enemy He destroys will be death.”

Luke 24:51–53 (NLT)

“While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up to heaven. So they worshiped Him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.”



**HOW ASCENSION DAY RIVAL'S CHRISTMAS DAY
Luke 24:50-53**

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⁵⁰Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. ⁵²So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. ⁵³And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

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CERTIFIES HE IS THE _____!**

2 Samuel 7:12–13 (NLT)

“...I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make His kingdom strong... And I will secure His royal throne forever.”

Psalms 89:3-4 (ERV)

“I made an agreement with my chosen king. I made this promise to my servant David...I will make your kingdom continue forever and ever.”

Isaiah 9:6–7 (NLT)

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of His ancestor David for all eternity.

Psalms 110:1-2 (AMP)

*The Lord (Father) says to my Lord (the Messiah, His Son),
“Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool
for Your feet [subjugating them into complete submission].”*

Genesis 3:14–15 (NIV84)

“So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are YOU...I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head...”

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV84)

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

“The ascension is not just the departure. It is also an arrival. The ascension may be the end of Jesus's earthly ministry, but it is the beginning of his heavenly reign.”

Daryl Bock – COMMENTARY ON LUKE

Jesus' Ascension proves there is,

no _____ HE can't turn into _____,

no _____ HE can't turn into _____,

and no _____ HE can't turn into _____!

WE CELEBRATE THE ASCENSION OF JESUS BECAUSE

IT ASSURES US HIS _____!

John 7:8–9 (ESV)

“You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come.”

Luke 9:51 (ESV)

“When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Luke 13:33 (CEV)

“But I am going on my way today and tomorrow and the next day. After all, Jerusalem is the place where prophets are killed.”

John 12:23 (ESV)

“Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”

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“Jesus sitting at God's right hand is a dramatic indication of the completion of Christ's work of redemption. Just as a human being will sit down at the completion of a large task to enjoy the satisfaction of having accomplished it, so Jesus sat at the right hand of God, visibly demonstrating that his work of redemption was complete.”

Wayne Grudem – BIBLE DOCTRINE

WE CELEBRATE THE ASCENSION OF JESUS BECAUSE IT PROMISES US THAT HE IS _____!

Romans 8:34 (NIV84)

“Christ Jesus, who died...who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.”

Romans 8:34 (NLT)

“...He is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.”

Hebrews 7:25 (NIV84)

He [Jesus] is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”

“When the devil throws our sin up to us and declares that we deserve death and hell, we ought to speak thus. ‘I admit that I deserve death and hell. What of it? Does this mean that I shall be sentenced to eternal damnation? By no means. For I know one who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ the son of God and where He is there I shall be also.’”

Martin Luther - letter to his friend Jerome Weller