



WEEK #2: "He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty."

Because Christ ascended to Heaven:

1. We are _____ with all _____ blessings.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:3 (ESV)

2. We are _____ in the heavenly places with our _____.

Even when we were dead in our trespasses, (God) made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:5-6 (ESV)

3. We are above the _____ of this _____.

That he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:20-21 (ESV)

4. We should come _____ to the throne of grace in the time of need.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (ESV)

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen*

Questions:

1. What threats of this world intimidate your life?
2. Discuss the implications of being seated with Christ in Heaven.
3. Discuss your blessings in Christ.
4. What keeps you from coming to God for help in time of need?
5. Spend time in prayer coming before God in boldness, in the name of Christ.

Recommended Resources:

- *Affirming the Apostles' Creed*, by J. I. Packer
- *The Apostles' Creed*, by R. Albert Mohler, Jr
- *The Case for Christ*, by Lee Strobel
- *The Problem of Jesus*, by Mark Clark
- *The Problem of God*, by Mark Clark
- *The Reason for God*, by Timothy Keller
- *The Ragamuffin Gospel*, by Brennan Manning

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