

Why the Ascension Matters

1. Christ's ascension is a key belief in the Christian faith because it is part of Christ's salvation work.
 - a. It is a core belief of orthodox Christian faith (proclaimed in the Creeds).
 - b. It is a necessary for our complete salvation.
 - Intercession – [Rom. 8:34](#)
 - [Heb. 7:23-25](#)
 - [Heb. 7:23-25](#) *"The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. **Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost** those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."*
 - c. The ascension prefigures our own final salvation state; it declares a future, bodily existence with the Father.
 - Glorification should be the aim and goal and hope of our lives because it was the aim and goal of our calling and our salvation.
 - [2 Thess. 2:13-14](#) *"But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, **so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**"*
2. Christ's ascension is His victorious return to His Father and His enthronement as King.
 - a. His Victorious Return
 - [John 13:1, 3](#)
 - [John 17:4-5](#)
 - b. His heavenly enthronement as King
 - This event was prophesied in the Old Testament.
 - [Dan 7:13-14](#)
 - [Psalm 110:1-4](#)

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- The New Testament confirms this fulfillment of this prophesy.
 - [Mark 16:19](#)
 - [Heb. 12:2](#)
- c. The ascension of Christ confirms the present rule of Christ as King.
 - [1 Pet. 3:22](#)
 - [Revelation 3:21](#)
 - [1 Cor. 15:20-28](#)
 - Jesus is presently reigning until His enemies are destroyed, and Jesus delivers the kingdom to the Father.
 - Christ has been given the authority by the Father to rule in the midst of enemies. ([Psalm 110](#)).
- d. Christ is ruling, even if it does not feel that way.
 - [Acts 7:55](#)
 - [1 Pet. 1:8](#)
- 3. Christ's ascension is His promise to return
 - *"This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*