

WE BELIEVE IN THE ASCENSION

INTRODUCTION

- The Ascension is not just some p_____ event, but it should have a pr_____ effect in our lives.

AN ASCENSION OF REAL JOY

- Luke was a beloved companion of P_____; a physician, and some credit him as the first Christian his_____. What are traits of a good historian? _____
- you take anything with you? _____
- What were some of the proofs that Jesus gave during the 40 days between his resurrection and ascension? _____
- The apostles and disciples were e__wit_____. (see 1 John)
- The re_____ of the resurrection, and the rea_____ of the ascension is one of j____!

TO OUR ADVANTAGE

- What is the promise of the Father? _____ (compare Matt 3:11)
- The advantage of Jesus ascending is that the _____ will come give us po_____ for the task at hand.
- We have ___ power whatsoever for the w_____ of God apart from the p_____ of God given to us through the Holy Spirit.
- It is the Holy Spirit who convicts people of their _____. The power of the Holy Spirit convicts people to their core that they have sinned against _____ and shows them their need for J_____ (See John 16:7-15)
- Eff_____ wi_____ can only be borne where the Spirit is, and where the Spirit is, effective witness will always follow.
- Jesus pre_____ a pla_____ for us both as our Lord and Savior and as our High Priest and inter_____ (Hebrews 4:14-16; 9:24)
- The ascension brings us great conf_____ because Jesus is our High Priest who prepared for us our future place.

TO HIS GLORY

- Clouds often signify God's presence or in-br_____ into the world
- The crown of th_____ was changed into a crown of gl_____! (read Revelation 5:13)
- We worship our li_____ Lord, and living K_____ who sits at the right hand of God – and his reign is everla_____, without end.

HEAR & APPLY THE WORD

The Ascension is not some past event, but should have a present effect on our lives.

- Keep your heart and soul lifted heavenward no matter the circumstances.
- Boldly pray to Jesus, knowing that He stands as your Intercessor.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you power, wisdom and insight for the work the He has prepared for you



How to Prepare for The Lord's Supper

In order that you may receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner you should carefully consider what you must now believe and do.

From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; This is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins;" you should believe that Jesus Christ is present with His body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words, "For the remission of sins," you should also believe that Jesus gives to you His body and blood to strengthen your assurance that your sins are forgiven. And, finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says: "Take, eat; Drink of it, all of you; This do in remembrance of me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He has commanded, then you have properly examined yourselves and may eat Christ's body and drink His blood in a worthy manner. You should, also, unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus, with the whole Christian Church, have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father give you His

Sermon Notes

Scripture Readings
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Pew Bible page numbers

Psalms 16:8-11
p. 535

Acts 1:1-11
p. 1080

John 16:7-15
p. 1072

The Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a remembrance. We believe that the in Lord's Supper Christ Jesus is truly present in body and blood, given in bread and wine for us to eat and drink. We also believe it is a means by which we receive true forgiveness of sin.

The Lord's supper is for those who baptized and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Learn more on how to prepare for
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