

**“Christ is Risen! Christ Reigns!”**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

## **The Power of the Ascension**

*Ephesians 1:19-23* – “<sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup>he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

**May the eyes of your heart know the power He holds & provides.**

He raised Jesus from the dead. V.20

He seated Him at His right hand. V.20

He exalted Christ above all demons. V.21

He Positioned the Church in Christ at the center. V.23

## **The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Ascension**

**“The Ascension is not Jesus' absence, but a change in presence. It allows him to be omnipresent rather than limited by space and time.”**

*John 20:17* – “Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

*Matthew 28:20* – “and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**St. Augustine “You Ascended from before our eyes and we turned back away from you grieving, only to find you in our hearts!”**

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*I John 2:1* – “My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.”

*Romans 8:34* – “Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.”

*Hebrews 4:15-16* – “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

*Hebrews 10:19-22* – “Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”

## **Conclusion**