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I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST - PART 3

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I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

**AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD; WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY;
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE; WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD AND BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY HE
ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD;**

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HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN; AND SITS AT
THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY;
FROM WHENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT;

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**THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS;THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS;
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY;
AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.**

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**"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN; AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND
OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY;"**

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WHAT DOES THE ASCENSION MEAN TO ME?

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ACTS 1:6–11 (ESV)

6 SO WHEN THEY HAD COME TOGETHER, THEY ASKED HIM, “LORD, WILL YOU AT THIS TIME RESTORE THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL?” 7 HE SAID TO THEM, “IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW TIMES OR SEASONS THAT THE FATHER HAS FIXED BY HIS OWN AUTHORITY

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8 BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.” 9 AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THESE THINGS, AS THEY WERE LOOKING ON, HE WAS LIFTED UP, AND A CLOUD TOOK HIM OUT OF THEIR SIGHT.

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**10 AND WHILE THEY WERE GAZING INTO HEAVEN AS HE WENT, BEHOLD, TWO MEN
STOOD BY THEM IN WHITE ROBES, 11 AND SAID, "MEN OF GALILEE, WHY DO YOU
STAND LOOKING INTO HEAVEN? THIS JESUS, WHO WAS TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO
HEAVEN, WILL COME IN THE SAME WAY AS YOU SAW HIM GO INTO HEAVEN."**

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ACTS 2:32-36 (ESV)

**32 THIS JESUS GOD RAISED UP, AND OF THAT WE ALL ARE WITNESSES. 33 BEING THEREFORE EXALTED
AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, AND HAVING RECEIVED FROM THE FATHER THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT, HE HAS POURED OUT THIS THAT YOU YOURSELVES ARE SEEING AND HEARING.**

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**34 FOR DAVID DID NOT ASCEND INTO THE HEAVENS, BUT HE HIMSELF SAYS, “ ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT
AT MY RIGHT HAND, 35 UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL.” ’ 36 LET ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL
THEREFORE KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT GOD HAS MADE HIM BOTH LORD AND CHRIST, THIS JESUS WHOM YOU
CRUCIFIED.”**

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PSALM 110:1 (ESV)

**THE LORD SAYS TO MY LORD: "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL."**

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"THE LORD GOD SAID TO THE LORD OF KING DAVID..."

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**THE ASCENSION MEANS THAT
JESUS REIGNS IN POWER OVER MY LIFE**

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PSALM 110:1-2 (ESV)

**1 THE LORD SAYS TO MY LORD: "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL."**

**2 THE LORD SENDS FORTH FROM ZION YOUR MIGHTY SCEPTER.
RULE IN THE MIDST OF YOUR ENEMIES!**

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PSALM 110:5–6 (ESV)

5 THE LORD IS AT YOUR RIGHT HAND;

HE WILL SHATTER KINGS ON THE DAY OF HIS WRATH.

6 HE WILL EXECUTE JUDGMENT AMONG THE NATIONS, FILLING THEM WITH CORPSES;

HE WILL SHATTER CHIEFS OVER THE WIDE EARTH.

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PHILIPPIANS 3:17-2, 4:1 (ESV)

**17 BROTHERS, JOIN IN IMITATING ME, AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON THOSE WHO WALK
ACCORDING TO THE EXAMPLE YOU HAVE IN US. 18 FOR MANY, OF WHOM I HAVE OFTEN TOLD
YOU AND NOW TELL YOU EVEN WITH TEARS, WALK AS ENEMIES OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST.**

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**19 THEIR END IS DESTRUCTION, THEIR GOD IS THEIR BELLY, AND THEY GLORY IN
THEIR SHAME, WITH MINDS SET ON EARTHLY THINGS. 20 BUT OUR CITIZENSHIP
IS IN HEAVEN, AND FROM IT WE AWAIT A SAVIOR, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,**

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**21 WHO WILL TRANSFORM OUR LOWLY BODY TO BE LIKE HIS GLORIOUS BODY, BY
THE POWER THAT ENABLES HIM EVEN TO SUBJECT ALL THINGS TO HIMSELF.
4:1 THEREFORE, MY BROTHERS, WHOM I LOVE AND LONG FOR, MY JOY AND CROWN,
STAND FIRM THUS IN THE LORD, MY BELOVED.**

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**THE ASCENSION MEANS
JESUS IS MINISTERING ON MY BEHALF.**

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PSALM 110:4B (ESV)

**“YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER
AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”**

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HEBREWS 4:14-16 (ESV)

14 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.

15 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.

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**16 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.**

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HEBREWS 7:23–25 (ESV)

**23 THE FORMER PRIESTS WERE MANY IN NUMBER, BECAUSE THEY WERE PREVENTED BY DEATH FROM
CONTINUING IN OFFICE, 24 BUT HE HOLDS HIS PRIESTHOOD PERMANENTLY, BECAUSE HE CONTINUES FOREVER. 25
CONSEQUENTLY, HE IS ABLE TO SAVE TO THE UTMOST THOSE WHO DRAW NEAR TO GOD THROUGH HIM, SINCE
HE ALWAYS LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM**

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THE OTHER GODS WERE STRONG; BUT THOU WAST WEAK;

THEY RODE, BUT THOU DIDST STUMBLE TO A THRONE;

BUT TO OUR WOUNDS ONLY GOD'S WOUNDS CAN SPEAK,

AND NOT A GOD HAS WOUNDS, BUT THOU ALONE.

~ EDWARD SHILLITO

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LOVE MOVED THEE TO DIE; AND ON THIS I RELY,
MY SAVIOR HATH LOVED ME, I CANNOT TELL WHY:
BUT THIS I CAN FIND, WE TWO ARE JOINED
HE'LL NOT BE IN GLORY AND LEAVE ME BEHIND

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THE ASCENSION IS A PROMISE FOR ME.

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