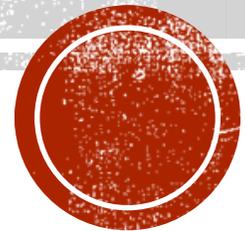


THE COMMON FAITH

To Titus, genuine child according to the common faith – Titus
1:4

Item 6

Christ ascended to the
right hand of God to be
Lord of all

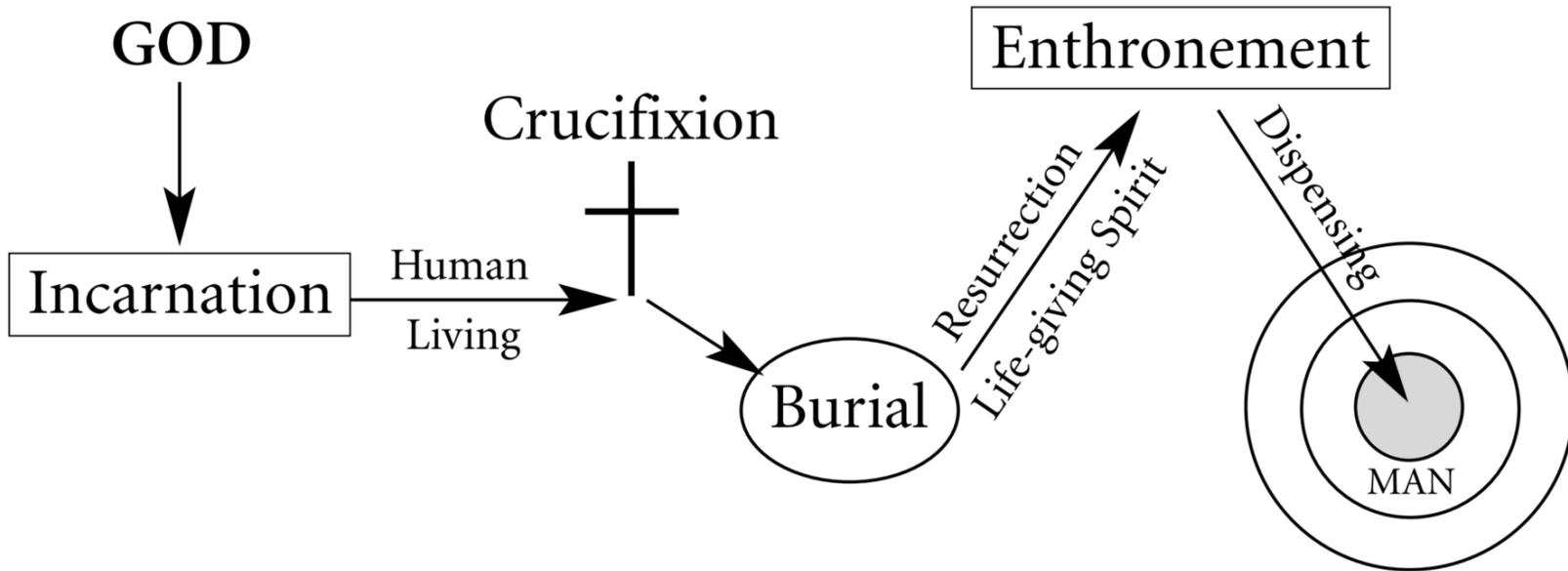


JOHN 20:17

ACTS 1:9

- Jesus said to her, Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God
- And when He had said these things, while they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him away from their sight.





THE SECRET ASCENSION AND THE PUBLIC ASCENSION



Today Christ is in ascension and holds a number of great **offices. How do you understand this word “offices”?**

Well, when we speak of “offices”, we are taking the meaning to be:

the various statuses, roles, and responsibilities
of **one** person.

Someone may wear three different hats. For example, they may be a father at **home**, then as they go to work, they may be a doctor at a **hospital** during the day, and finally, they may go to a **university** at night to teach a course as a professor there. This person has at least 3 statuses.

When we speak of the offices of the ascended Christ, we mean to point out all the statuses of Christ, that is, all the hats that He wears in His ascension.

THE OFFICES OF THE ASCENDED CHRIST

For US, knowing that a man is an experienced father, doctor, or professor, impacts how we interact with him, and even why we go to Him.

In the same way... our knowing the number of great offices of Christ in His ascension helps us know

- **When we should go to Him**
- **Why we should go to Him**
- **and**
- **How we can relate to Him.**



Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.

This verse was said by Peter on the day of Pentecost, which was the fiftieth day from the Lord's resurrection. Not until His ascension was Christ officially **inaugurated** as **the** Christ. What does **that** mean? Was He not Christ before His ascension? Yes, even in eternity He was Christ. However, **as we see in this verse**, He was not officially inaugurated as the Christ until His ascension.

In His inauguration, this wonderful Christ was enthroned

He has passed through the manger, the River Jordan, and the cross, and is now **enthroned** in the heavens as the Christ.

Our Christ did not end with the crucifixion. He is **enthroned!** We have already seen where Christ went after His resurrection and ascension... into us! Into the human spirit of all the believers!

Therefore, in our spirit, there is this **throne**. The One in our spirit is not lying in a manger nor hanging on the cross, but He is seated on **the throne**. It is this enthroned Christ we must experience.

**IN ASCENSION,
CHRIST WAS
OFFICIALLY
INAUGURATED AS
THE CHRIST**

As you receive this material right now,... consider...

What can **YOU** do to experience the enthroned Christ and practically enthrone Him more in your being?



Let's bring our attention once again to Acts 2:36

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.

Acts 2:36 tells us that He was made Lord. Yes, He was also Lord before His ascension, but again He was not yet **inaugurated** into this office. One of the Old Testament names for God is Lord (Hebrew: *Adonai*), meaning **master**. Christ in the Old Testament was Adonai. Then He became a man, a despised Nazarene. This very One was Lord, even while He was on this earth as such a despised Nazarine. But it was not until His **ascension** that He was **inaugurated** into His **lordship**.

Acts 10:36 The word which He sent to the sons of Israel in announcing the gospel of peace through Jesus Christ (this One is Lord of all).

When Peter said, “**He is Lord of all**” in the house of Cornelius, he meant that He was Lord of all peoples—both Jews and Gentiles—and of all things. Today, there is not only God on the throne, but a **Man** is on the **throne**, who, in His ascension, was inaugurated as...

Lord of all!

**IN ASCENSION,
CHRIST WAS MADE
LORD**

He is YOUR Lord, and He is also MY Lord! Let's tell Him...

YOU ARE MY LORD!



IN ASCENSION, CHRIST WAS MADE THE LEADER, AUTHOR AND CAPTAIN

How rich is this Christ in ascension!

He has taken office as...

- the origin
- the Originator
- the Ruler
- the Author
- the Leader
- the Captain
- the Pioneer
- and the Forerunner!

He is far above all. He is the first.
All things and all power
are in **His** hands.



Acts 5:31 This one God has exalted to His right hand as **Leader and **Savior**.**

In the New Testament, the word “Leader” has the thought that this One is the origin and the Originator, the Author, the Leader, and the Inaugurator. He is therefore above all, and spontaneously is the Ruler with authority.

Acts 3:15 And the **Author of life you killed, whom God has raised from the dead, of which we are witness.**

This verse calls Him the Author of life.

Hebrews 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the **Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.**

In Hebrews 2:10 the word “Author” can also be translated **Captain**. Christ in ascension is the Captain of our salvation, leading us into glory where He has already entered as the Pioneer. Again, the thought is included that He is the Originator, the Leader, or the Forerunner, of faith.

To be our **SOURCE** of faith and to **lead** us in the pathway of faith are functions of the office into which He has been inaugurated!

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth.

This verse tells us that Christ is also called the Ruler of the kings of the earth. It is common to call Jesus the King of kings, but to call Him the Ruler of kings is to say that He is far **above** the earthly rulers.

**IN ASCENSION,
CHRIST WAS MADE
THE RULER OF THE
KINGS OF THE
EARTH**

Yes, pray during elections!
But when the results come
in, don't forget:

Jesus Christ is the Ruler of
the kings of the earth.

Pray for all governors and
people in high positions,
that they would even see
and follow the real Ruler –
Jesus Christ.

