

CHRIST CHURCH, VIRGINIA WATER SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2010

SERMON NOTES: 8.00 & 9.30 AM SERVICES

Title: "Acts 1:9-14: Look! He is Ascended!"

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*What does the Ascension of Christ mean for you today?
It means that you should...*

1. LOOK TO CHRIST'S RULE

Acts 1:9-11a After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky?"

Acts 2:34-35 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." [Psalm 110:1] "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

2. LOOK FORWARD TO CHRIST'S RETURN

Acts 1:11b This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

1 Thessalonians 4:17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever.

3. LOOK TO PRAY ACCORDING TO CHRIST'S PROMISE

Acts 1:12-14 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined *together in heart and mind* constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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(See also Acts 1:24; 8:14-17; 9:11-12; 10:4, 9, 30:13:2-3 where at many important points in the history of God's acts we find mention of prayer).