

The Bodily Ascension of Jesus Christ

We celebrate the bodily ascension of Jesus Christ as a great historical fact and truth.

After His resurrection, He walked this earth and showed Himself alive to many people. He performed signs and proofs that testified that he arose from the dead.

The ascension of Jesus Christ brought many powerful new covenant blessings to us. He rules as King on His throne, and He intercedes for us as our High Priest in the heavens.

He poured out the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

He also will come again in like manner as He was bodily ascended to heaven.

So, we rejoice and celebrate the bodily ascension of Jesus Christ because of all the powerful results and blessings it has brought to us in this new covenant age.

POWERFUL PRAYING! James 5:16-18

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James 5:17-18 (NKJV)

- Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.
- And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

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I. PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS

John 14:13; John 14:14

II. PRAY IN THE WILL OF GOD

I John 5:14; I John 5:15

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III. PRAY IN FAITH/BELIEVING

Matthew 21:22 (NKJV)

22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

James 1:6 (NKJV)

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

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IV. PRAY WITH EARNESTNESS

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Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Acts 12:4 (NKJV)

So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.