

Acts # 13

“Power in the Ascension  
and Session”

*Acts 1:9-11*

**There is absolutely no way any believer can avoid the Person of God the Father; there is no way we can ever escape His plan.**

He knew about us in eternity past; we could not escape then and we cannot escape now, so there is no corner of the earth to which we can run; there is no activity of distraction, no way that we can bury ourselves to hide in Satan’s world.

*We belong to Him; we are His children; He has placed a wall of fire around us, which is His doing, so rejoice and relax.*

*Every blessing we’ve ever had, every wonderful thing we’ve ever discovered, every worthwhile thing in life and even many things that may not be are the result of God’s grace.*

**Jesus Christ’s session-work in Heaven is the cause of the unique spiritual life in the Church Age.**

Like all other events recorded in the New Testament of Jesus Christ’s ministry on earth, His ascension and session were literal historical events; not mythical stories manufactured by a newly formed Church, struggling to establish its identity.

*The first part of Jesus’ ascent into Heaven was clearly seen but the rest of the ascension and His session next to the Father’s throne could not be seen.*

Our Lord tried to prepare His disciples for His eventual departure many times; prophesying of His death, resurrection and ascension.

**Jesus Christ ascended to a position above every created power.**

So, what did our Lord do immediately after His ascension?

*That’s answered by the concept known as His session or His figurative seating at God the Father’s right hand.*

**Although before His session while on earth, Jesus Christ had been called God’s Son, it wasn’t until He finished His earthly ministry that the Son received full legal authority.**

This full legal authority over the entire human race on earth and also the angels throughout the universe.

*The Son of God must rely on the Father to receive world dominion, even though He’ll be formally recognized as her King.*

Our Lord restrains His judgment for now; He doesn’t rule with an iron scepter just yet.

**Daniel 7, Psalm 2 and Psalm 110 all teach the same two points: Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of God the Father where He was given authority over all the universe and He now awaits a future mission when He will exercise His authority over all nations.**

Our Lord’s ascension and session provide exciting new details about how the Old Testament promises of the Kingdom of God originate and function.

*The King has come and been rejected by His own people, so He leaves.*

Jesus' coming is divided in two parts—First and Second Advent—with a parenthesis period of history in between that comes into existence on the Day of Pentecost.

**The New Testament is a volume of powerful optimism and assurance of the final outcome of human history based on our faith in the ascension and session of Jesus Christ.**

There is power in the blood and victory over death in Christ and a future separation from all evil.

*This is the result of seeing Jesus Christ's session as illustrated by the Old Testament images.*