THE QUESTION

What did the early Christians believe about the ascension of Jesus?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

The early Christians taught that Jesus, after truly rising and staying with His disciples forty days, was taken up bodily into heaven in their sight. They said He now sits at the Father's right hand and reigns, that He lifted up our human nature with Him, and that He will return the same way to judge.

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He was taken up after He truly rose

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen lists the ascension as part of the church's basic teaching about Christ. It follows a real death and a real resurrection. Aristides, writing to explain Christians to outsiders, reports the same order: death, burial, rising after three days, then going up to heaven.

1 “He truly rose from the dead, and after His resurrection He talked with His disciples and was taken up into heaven.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 20, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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2 “But he himself was pierced by the Jews, and he died and was buried; and they say that after three days he rose and ascended to heaven.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Aristides,** *Apology* 2 (c. 125–140 AD) **Source 5, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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He went up in His own flesh

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Ignatius stresses that the risen Lord had a real body and was taken up with that flesh while the disciples watched. Cyprian says a cloud surrounded Him, and he presents the ascension as a victory: Christ brings to the Father the human nature He had put on.

3 “Then He, with His flesh, was taken up in their sight to Him who sent Him, and He will come again with that same flesh, accompanied by glory and power.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle to the Smyrnaeans* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 2, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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4 “Then, with a cloud spread around Him, He was lifted up into heaven, so that as a conqueror He might bring to the Father the Man whom He loved, whom He had put on, whom He had protected from death.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 26, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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Forty days of teaching came first

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Both sources place the ascension after forty days in which the risen Christ ate and drank with His followers. Cyprian explains the purpose: the disciples needed to be taught by Him so they would know what to teach others.

5 “who was taken up into heaven by the power of His God and Father in the sight of those who ate and drank with Him for forty days after He rose from the dead”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 27, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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6 “And by the real substance of His bodily existence being made clear, He remained for forty days, so that they might be instructed by Him in the precepts of life and might learn what they were to teach.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 26, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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He now sits at the Father's right hand

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Tertullian's rule of faith joins the ascension to Christ's seat at the Father's right hand and to the sending of the Holy Spirit in His place. Irenaeus adds that the Father glorified Him there, and that He reigns forever.

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7 “Then, after ascending into heaven, He sat at the right hand of the Father. In place of Himself, He sent the Power of the Holy Spirit to lead those who believe.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Prescription Against Heretics* 13 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 14, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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8 “He gathered the apostles and preached the kingdom of heaven; gave light to the blind and raised the dead; was seen in the temple but was not held by the people as credible; was arrested by the priests, brought before Herod, and condemned in Pilate's presence; He appeared in the body, was suspended on a wooden beam, and raised from the dead; shown to the apostles, and, having been carried up to heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father, and has been glorified by Him as the Resurrection of the dead.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 12, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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Heaven's gates opened for the King of glory

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Justin reads the psalm about everlasting doors as a picture of the ascension: heaven's rulers are told to open the gates for Christ. Hippolytus describes the angels seeing, for the first time, a man in the flesh rising into heaven.

9 “Therefore, it is shown that Solomon is not the Lord of hosts; but when our Christ rose from the dead and ascended to heaven, the rulers in heaven, under God’s appointment, are commanded to open the gates of heaven so that He, who is the King of glory, may enter and, having ascended, may sit at the right hand of the Father until He makes His enemies His footstool, as shown by another Psalm.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *Dialogue with Trypho* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 6, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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10 “Now, for the first time, He appears to the powers of heaven as flesh ascending.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 19, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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He lifted humanity up with Him

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Gregory Thaumaturgus says the ascension was not only Christ's own honor. By going up in the flesh He took from us, He raised and glorified human beings in Himself, just as His resurrection looked ahead to ours.

11 “And He ascended to heaven, exalting and glorifying men in Himself.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 23, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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He will return the way He left

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Ignatius repeats the angels' promise that Jesus will come back in the same way He was seen going. Tertullian also recalls this promise when he speaks of the joyful season after Easter. Both tie the ascension to the hope of His visible return.

12 “This same Jesus, who is taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have seen Him go into heaven.””

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle to the Smyrnaeans* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 2, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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13 “This was because, at that time, when He had been taken up into heaven, the angels told the apostles that He would come in the same way as He had ascended into heaven, at Pentecost, of course.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Baptism* 19 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 17, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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The church confessed it in worship

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The ascension was part of the church's prayer and calendar. The Liturgy of St. Mark declares it at the Lord's Supper alongside His death and resurrection. The Apostolic Constitutions give workers rest on the feast of the Ascension, calling it the completion of Christ's saving work.

14 “O Sovereign and Almighty Lord, King of heaven, as we show the death of Your only begotten Son, our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, and acknowledge His blessed resurrection from the dead on the third day, we also openly declare His ascension into heaven and His sitting at Your right hand, O God and Father, and we await His second terrible and dreadful coming.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Divine Liturgy of St. Mark* 1 (c. 200–400 AD) **Source 18, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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15 “Let them have rest from their work on the Ascension, because it was the conclusion of the divine arrangement by Christ.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 29, page 9** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not explain where heaven is or how a body exists there.
- They say little about Christ's present work in heaven beyond sitting at the Father's right hand, reigning, and sending the Spirit.
- They do not show when the feast of the Ascension was first kept.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 31 early Christian passages and 170 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–31, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 32–95, in Bible order), then 106 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *31 passages from 16 writers*

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · source 1*

1 *Epistle of Barnabas* (1885 English; on point 1) "when He had manifested Himself, He ascended into the heavens… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 2–3*

2 *Epistle to the Smyrnaeans* (1885 English) **Quotes 3, 12, pages 2, 5** "thus was He, with the flesh, received up in their sight unto Him that sent Him, being with that same flesh to come again, accompanied by glory and power… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Epistle to the Magnesians* (1885 English; on point 1) "who knows these things with a full assurance, and believes them, is happy… [continues online] **read ›**

Polycarp, *c. 100–155 AD · source 4*

4 *Epistle to the Philippians* (on point 4) a throne at His right hand. To Him, all things… [continues online] **read ›**

Aristides, *c. 125–140 AD · source 5*

5 *Apology* 2 **Quote 2, page 2** "they say that after three days he rose and ascended to heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 6–8*

6 *Dialogue with Trypho* **Quote 9, page 4** "when our Christ rose from the dead and ascended to heaven, the… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *First Apology* (on point 4) "our Jesus Christ, being crucified and dead, rose again, and having ascended to heaven, reigned… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English) "to be crucified, and to die. Prove also clearly, that after this He rose again and ascended to heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · sources 9–10*

9 *Diatessaron* 55 (on point 4) "While he blessed them, he was separated from them and ascended into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Diatessaron* 32 "3:13 And no man has ascended up into heaven, except him that descended from heaven, the Son of… [continues online] **read ›**

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Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 11–13*

11 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (on point 5) were predicting the wrath from all nations that came upon those who believed in Him after His ascension, causing the whole earth to rise against the Church; and also foretelling… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** “raised also from the dead, and taken up to heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Against Heresies: Book V* (on point 1) altogether with their beliefs, claiming that immediately after death they will ascend above the heavens and the Demiurge, and go to the Mother (Achamoth) or to the Father they have… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 14–17*

14 *On Prescription Against Heretics* 13 (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** “come with glory to take the saints to the enjoyment of everlasting life and of the heavenly promises, and to condemn the wicked to everlasting fire, after the resurrection of… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Against Marcion* 8 (1885 English; on point 4) “16:16 Now hear how he declared that by Christ Himself, when returned to heaven, these spiritual gifts were to be sent: He ascended up on high, that is, into… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Against Praxeas* 30 (on point 7) “will come again on the clouds of heaven, just as He appeared when He ascended into heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *On Baptism* 19 (1885 English) **Quote 13, page 5** “too, the resurrection of the Lord was repeatedly proved among the disciples, and the hope of the advent of the Lord indirectly pointed to, in that, at that time, when… [continues online] **read ›**

Early Liturgies, *c. 200–400 AD · source 18*

18 *Divine Liturgy of St. Mark* 1 **Quote 14, page 6** as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show my death and acknowledge my resurrection and ascension until I come. O Sovereign and Almighty Lord, King of heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · source 19*

19 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 10, page 4** “He has not yet ascended into heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · source 20*

20 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** “that after His resurrection He conversed with His disciples, and was taken up (into heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 21–23*

21 *On All the Saints* 1 all things, and holds the ends of the world in His hand? Once indeed He descended, and once He ascended, not through any change of nature, but only in the… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *Twelve Topics on the Faith* 1 (1885 English; on point 4) “that He was taken up to heaven, and sat down at the right hand of the Father, whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead, as it… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 **Quote 11, page 5** “He ascended to heaven, exalting and glorifying men in Himself… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · sources 24–25*

24 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 11 (1885 English) “in the same manner as He ascended as man into heaven, so as God He had first descended thence… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 15 Christ is only man, how is it that He says, "Though I bear witness of myself, yet my witness is true, because I know where I came from and where… [continues online] **read ›**

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Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 26*

26 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quotes 4, 6, page 3** "in a cloud spread around Him He was lifted up into heaven, that as a conqueror He might bring to the Father, Man whom He loved, whom He put on… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 27–29*

27 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** "is sat down on the right hand of the throne of the majesty of Almighty God upon the cherubim… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 2) He was received up in our sight into heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 15, page 6** "them have rest from their work on the Ascension, because it was the conclusion… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 30–31*

30 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 47 (on point 3) Therefore, after His resurrection, He went into Galilee and gathered His disciples again, who had run away in fear. After He gave them the commands He wanted them to keep, … [continues online] **read ›**

31 *Divine Institutes* 21 (1885 English; on point 2) "when He had made arrangements with His disciples for the preaching of the Gospel and His name, a cloud suddenly surrounded Him, and carried Him up into heaven, on the… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *64 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

32 **Genesis 35:13** Then God went up from him, from the place where he had spoken with him. **read ›**

33 **Deuteronomy 30:12** It is not in heaven above, for one to say, "Who will go up for us into heaven and get it for us, and when we have heard it, we will do it?" **read ›**

34 **2 Samuel 15:30** David went up by the ascent of the Olives, weeping as he went up, with his head covered, and he went barefoot; and each one of all the people who were with him covered his head, and they went up, weeping as they went. **read ›**

35 **2 Kings 2:1** Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up in a whirlwind as if into heaven, Elijah and Elisha went out from Gilgal. **read ›**

36 **2 Kings 2:11** And as they were going, they went on and talked; and behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire, and it separated the two of them; and Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind as if into heaven. **read ›**

37 **2 Chronicles 25:28** Then they carried him on horses and buried him with his fathers in the city of David. **read ›**

38 **Psalms 68:18** You have gone up on high; you have led captivity captive; you have received gifts among men, for indeed they were disobedient, that you might dwell there. (Septuagint Psalm 67:19 (Psalm 68:18 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

39 **Proverbs 3:9** Honor the Lord from your righteous labors, and give him firstfruits from your fruits of righteousness, **read ›**

40 **Song of Solomon 5:9** What is your kinsman more than another kinsman, O beautiful one among women? What is your kinsman more than another kinsman, that you have so charged us? **read ›**

41 **Song of Solomon 7:13** The mandrakes have given a fragrance, and at our doors are all choice fruits, new and old; my kinsman, I have kept them for you. (Septuagint Song of Solomon 7:14 (Song of Solomon 7:13 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

42 **Jeremiah 17:11** The partridge called; it gathered what it did not bear, making his wealth unjustly; in the half of his days they will forsake him, and at his end he will be a fool. **read ›**

43 **Jeremiah 19:7** And I will slaughter the counsel of Judah and the counsel of Jerusalem in this place, and I will strike them down by the sword before their enemies and by the hands of those who seek their lives; and I will give their corpses as food to the birds of heaven and to the wild beasts of the earth. **read ›**

44 **Jeremiah 20:6** And you and all who dwell in your house will go into captivity; and in Babylon you will die, and there you will be buried, you and all your friends to whom you have prophesied lies. **read ›**

45 **Jeremiah 46:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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46 **Ezekiel 20:6** in that day I took hold of them with my hand, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into the land that I had prepared for them, a land flowing with milk and honey—it is a honeycomb beyond every land. **read ›**

47 **Amos 4:10** I sent death among you by the way of Egypt, and killed your young men with the sword, together with your captured horses; and I brought up your camps in fire in your anger; yet not even so did you return to me, says the Lord. **read ›**

48 **1 Esdras 9:38** And the whole multitude gathered together in the open square before the gate of the temple toward the east, **read ›**

49 **Tobit 12:21** And they stood up, and they saw him no more. **read ›**

50 **Wisdom of Solomon 4:10** Being well-pleasing to God, he was loved, and while living among sinners he was taken up. **read ›**

51 **Wisdom of Sirach 17:13** Their eyes saw the majesty of glory, and their ears heard the glory of his voice. **read ›**

52 **Wisdom of Sirach 40:3** from him who sits on a throne in glory to him who is humbled in earth and ashes, **read ›**

53 **Wisdom of Sirach 48:9** you were taken up in a whirlwind of fire, in a chariot of fiery horses; **read ›**

54 **Wisdom of Sirach 50:11** When he put on the robe of glory and clothed himself in the perfection of glory, when he went up to the holy altar, he made the garment of the sanctuary glorious. **read ›**

55 **Baruch 3:29** Who has gone up into heaven and taken her, and brought her down from the clouds? **read ›**

56 **Baruch 3:37** After this he appeared on earth and lived among men. **read ›**

57 **1 Maccabees 2:58** Elijah, for being zealous with zeal for the law, was taken up into heaven. **read ›**

58 **1 Maccabees 3:9** His name became known to the end of the earth, and he gathered together those who were perishing. **read ›**

59 **1 Maccabees 4:37** So all the army was gathered together, and they went up to Mount Zion. **read ›**

60 **1 Maccabees 7:33** After these things Nicanor went up to Mount Zion; and some of the priests came out of the sanctuary, with some of the elders of the people, to greet him peacefully and to show him the whole burnt offering that was being offered for the king. **read ›**

61 **2 Maccabees 3:34** And you, having been flogged by him, report the mighty power of God to all." And when they had said this, they vanished. **read ›**

62 **2 Maccabees 4:22** He was received magnificently by Jason and the city, and he entered with torchlight and shouting. Then after this he marched with his army into Phoenicia. **read ›**

63 **3 Maccabees 5:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

64 **3 Maccabees 6:31** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

65 **4 Maccabees 4:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

66 **4 Maccabees 17:18** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

67 **4 Maccabees 18:24** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

68 **1 Enoch 14:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

69 **1 Enoch 14:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

70 **1 Enoch 47:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

71 **1 Enoch 58:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

72 **1 Enoch 62:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

73 **1 Enoch 70:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

74 **1 Enoch 71:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

75 **1 Enoch 89:30** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

76 **1 Enoch 93:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

77 **1 Enoch 100:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

78 **1 Enoch 103:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **Mark 16:19** So then the Lord, after he had spoken to them, was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. **read ›**

80 **Luke 24:51** While he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. **read ›**

81 **John 3:13** No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended out of heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. **read ›**

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82 **Acts 1:2** until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. **read ›**

83 **Acts 1:9** When he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight. **read ›**

84 **Acts 1:10** While they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood beside them in white clothing, **read ›**

85 **Acts 1:11** who said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, shall come in the same way as you saw him going into heaven.” **read ›**

86 **Acts 7:55** But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, **read ›**

87 **Acts 10:16** This happened three times, and the sheet was taken up again into heaven. **read ›**

88 **Romans 15:7** Therefore accept one another, even as Christ also accepted you, to the glory of God. **read ›**

89 **Ephesians 2:2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience. **read ›**

90 **Ephesians 3:12** In him we have boldness and access with confidence through his faithfulness. **read ›**

91 **Ephesians 4:9** Now what does “He went up” mean, except that he also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? **read ›**

92 **Ephesians 4:10** He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. **read ›**

93 **Colossians 3:1** If then you were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. **read ›**

94 **1 Peter 3:22** who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him. **read ›**

95 **Revelation 11:12** I heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here!” They went up into heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *106 verses, by reference*

Partly machine-linked: related to the passages, not always quoted in them. Each reference links to the verse in our audio Bible.

Genesis 2:1 · 9:5

1 Chronicles 16:23 · 16:31

Psalms 24:7 · 90:4

Isaiah 1:13

Jeremiah 17:16 · 31:1

Matthew 5:3 · 7:1 · 7:2 · 9:2 · 14:17 · 17:24 · 22:43 · 27:46 · 28:19

Mark 8:31 · 14:12 · 14:13

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