

Welcome

Worship Songs

"House of the Lord"
"Breathe"

Prayer

Scripture for Today

Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

Message

"Creed: Up, Up But Not Away"

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Offering/Worship Song

"Believe for It"

*Closing

Creed

KNOWING FULLY WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

THE CREED

UP, UP BUT NOT AWAY

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified dead and buried; (he descended to hell); the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended to heaven and sits (sitteth) at the right hand of the Father Almighty; from whence he shall come to judge the (quick) living and the dead; I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen"

"In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with^[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit." ⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 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." ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? 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." – Acts 1:1-11

THE ASCENSION DOES WHAT

1) Jesus is ascending into heaven & returns to His _____ of God & sends the _____

- right relationship with _____ (_____)
- right relationship with _____ / _____ (_____)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." – Galatians 5:22-23

2) Reveals the gap of where/ _____ & where/ _____

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God." – Psalm 42:1

"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." – Psalm 27:4

PLUGGING IN TO CREED VIEW

1) Symmetry

2) Clarity

3) Community

4) Counsel/advice

"¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." – Matthew 28:18-20