

And Hath Raised Us Up Together

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We must learn to live on the heavenly side, seeking those things which are above and looking at life from a perspective that overcomes sin, defies Satan, and conquers fear of death.

Scripture: John 14:2, Ephesians 2:6, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 3:1, Hebrews 12:2

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Description

A.B. Simpson emphasizes that ascension is a vital aspect of the Christian faith, distinct from resurrection, as it signifies Christ's exaltation and His blessing upon His disciples. He encourages believers to seek a heavenly perspective in their daily lives, urging them to view their circumstances through God's eyes, which empowers them to overcome sin, trials, and fears. By recognizing their spiritual position in Christ, seated in heavenly places, they can rise above worldly concerns and live in fellowship with His ascension. This perspective not only transforms their current struggles but also prepares them for eternal glory.

Transcript

Ascension is more than resurrection. Much is said of it in the New Testament. Christ rises above all things. We see Him in the very act of ascending, as we do not in the actual resurrection. With hands and lips engaged in blessing, He gently parts from His disciples. So simply, so unostentatiously, He has brought heaven near to our common life. We, too, must ascend, even here. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above (Colossians 3:1). We must learn to live on the heavenly side and look at things from above.

To contemplate all things as God sees them, as Christ beholds them, overcomes sin, defies Satan, dissolves perplexities, lifts us above trials, separates us from the world and conquers fear of death.

Such a perspective enables us to view them as we shall one day look back upon them from His glory, and as if we were now really seated with Him, as indeed we are, in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). Let us arise with His resurrection and, in fellowship with His glorious ascension, learn to live above.

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