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THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST – Eph. 4:8-13 (aft. 1970)

INTRO: How many unforgettable sermons?

- A. Edwards – “Sinners in the hands of an angry God.”
 - B. Former pastor of Bellevue Baptist in Memphis - “Pay some day.” – Rob. E. Lee
 - C. Ketcham – “The discrepancy between prayer promise and prayer product.”
 - D. Neighbor – “The Ascension”
 - a. He went up – He was taken up – He was received up
 - b. First sermon on Ascension
- I. The cross the battleground of the ages
- a. John 12:31 read
 - b. John 14:30 Prince cometh
 - c. John 16:11 Prince judged
 - d. Heb 2:14,15
 - e. Rev 1:18
- II. The Ascension was a display of Christ’s victory over Satan
- a. Col 2:13-15
 - i. Law nailed to the cross as satisfied
 - ii. Principalities and powers of Eph 6 stripped off and away
 - iii. He boldly made an example of them
 - iv. He led them in triumph EG: Roman Triumph – down **Apian** Way into Rome
 - b. Psalms 24:7-10
 - i. Challenge to gates of heaven v. 7
 - ii. King of Glory will come in
 - iii. Counter-challenge, who is this King of Glory
 - iv. Response – Jehovah Strong and Mighty, Jehovah mighty in battle – renewed challenge v. 9
 - v. Second response v. 10 Jehovah of Hosts, He is the King of Glory!
- III. The welcome of the triumphant Christ
- a. Received gifts Psalms 68:18
 - b. Gave gifts Eph 4:8
 - i. Gift of the Holy Spirit **Acts 23:3**
 - ii. Gift of leadership Eph 4
 - c. Crowned with glory and honor Heb 2:9
 - i. Name above every name Phil 2:9-11
 - ii. Seated at the Father’s right hand above all principality and power Eph 1:20, 21
 - iii. Heir of all things Heb 1:2
 - iv. Head of all things to the church Eph 1:2

CONC: The position of the believer with respect to Christ Ascension

- A. Seated with Christ positionally Eph 2:6,7
- B. Paul's **exhortation Col 9:1-4**

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