



Video Sermon Notes: April 19th 2020

Easter Reflections: Ascension

Philippians 2:9-13 + Hebrews 7:26-8:2

*When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look, and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me*

1. Jesus' ascension provides a HOPE through all trials and temptations.

READ: 1 John 2:1-2

Could you have confidence in your ability to save yourself? In what way does Jesus give us a hope that we cannot find on our own? How thankful are you that Jesus speaks to the Father in your defense even when you sin? Describe how that defense gives you hope?

2. A priest's duties consist of serving before God the Father as a representative for the people. Jesus is our great high priest & HELPER by interceding before the Father on our behalf.

READ: Hebrews 7:23-25

How is the resurrection on Easter morning essential to Jesus' current position (vs 24)? Why do you think Jesus' ascension is crucial to his ability to "save completely" or save to the uttermost (vs 25), and why do you and I need that kind of help?

3. Jesus says, "Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." Jesus could only work externally among the disciples with teachings and examples, but the HOLY SPIRIT would transform them internally.

READ: Romans 8:24-27

What is the relationship between "hope" / the "help" of intercession / and the "Holy Spirit" from this passage? The nature of the Spirit intercession is in accordance with "God's will". How has the Spirit been groaning within you towards God's will lately?