

## Ascension Message

Dear Sir Knights,

The Ascension of our Blessed Jesus Christ into Heaven is the culmination of his promise to all his followers who put their FAITH and TRUST in HIM. Faith is not a whim, but total and dedicated BELIEF in the SON OF GOD, Jesus Christ.

The life of Jesus Christ and HIS works are told to us in the first four books of the New Testament: the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These books tell of the miracles HE performed and the promise of eternal life to all those who put their FAITH in HIM.

His life, as recorded in the Gospels, is one of righteous conduct, service to humanity, comfort and support to all. He taught the way to live the life of Salvation; not by strict laws or deeds done but by Faith. The rewards for living this life are not Earthly, but await you in Heaven.

The time Jesus Christ spent on Earth was an example of the trials and tribulations that we must all endure who were born of a woman. He was doubted, mocked, humiliated and one of HIS disciples, whom he selected and trusted, betrayed him for money. This all culminated in HIS suffering the cruel and ignominious death of the cross. Jesus Christ endured the pain and sorrows incident to human life so that you might have eternal peace and happiness in the world to come.

Sir Knights, I ask you to read the four Gospels listed above, for I have no doubt they will uplift your spirits, renew your faith and restore your soul. The Holy Bible contains how to live your life on Earth and how you will obtain eternal life in Heaven with our Blessed Savior for HE has told you so. In the words of our ritual, "Sir Knights ever keep in mind this solemn truth; you know not how soon you may be called upon to render an account unto the Supreme Judge, from whom the minutest act of your life is not hidden. Although you now stand erect in all the pride and strength of manhood, yet in a few brief moments you may be cold in death."

I will leave you with these quotes from the Gospels of John, Chapter 11, Verses 25 & 26 and Luke Chapter 24, Verses 50 & 51, King James Version:

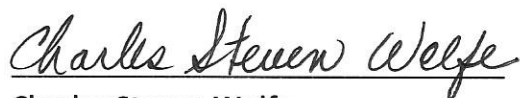
"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord; "He that believeth in ME, though he were dead, yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in ME shall never die."

"And HE led them out as far as to Bethany, and HE lifted up HIS hands and blessed them."

"And it came to pass, while HE blessed them, HE was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven."

Rejoice, for all who have BELIEVED and put their TRUST in HIM, for our Blessed SAVIOR has RISEN! May GOD be with us and bless us all !!

Yours in Faith,



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