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The Apostles'

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Rooting ourselves in the history of our faith.



[Acts 1:1-14]

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 water, but in a few days you will be baptized with 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.”

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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A close-up photograph of a tree trunk, showing the intricate patterns of its growth rings. A prominent vertical crack runs down the center of the image, and several smaller, diagonal cracks are visible on the right side. The wood has a warm, brownish-orange hue.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the 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.

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and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

**What happened in the Ascension?
What's Jesus been doing since?**

The background of the slide is a close-up, high-resolution image of a wood grain. The wood is a warm, reddish-brown color with prominent, wavy grain patterns and several deep, vertical cracks running through it. The lighting is slightly darker towards the edges, creating a sense of depth.

What happened in the Ascension?

What's Jesus been doing since?

Heaven



Earth



Heaven

Heaven



Earth

What happened in the Ascension?
What's Jesus been doing since?

Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Romans 8:34

*The Lord says to my lord:
“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”*

Psalm 110:1

¹³ “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13-14

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There is no sphere, however secular, which Christ has no rights to... no sphere which his followers can ignore to obey him.

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is
Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Phil. 2:9-10

*Ascension places a stop on human arrogance...
including Christian arrogance.*

Michael Bird

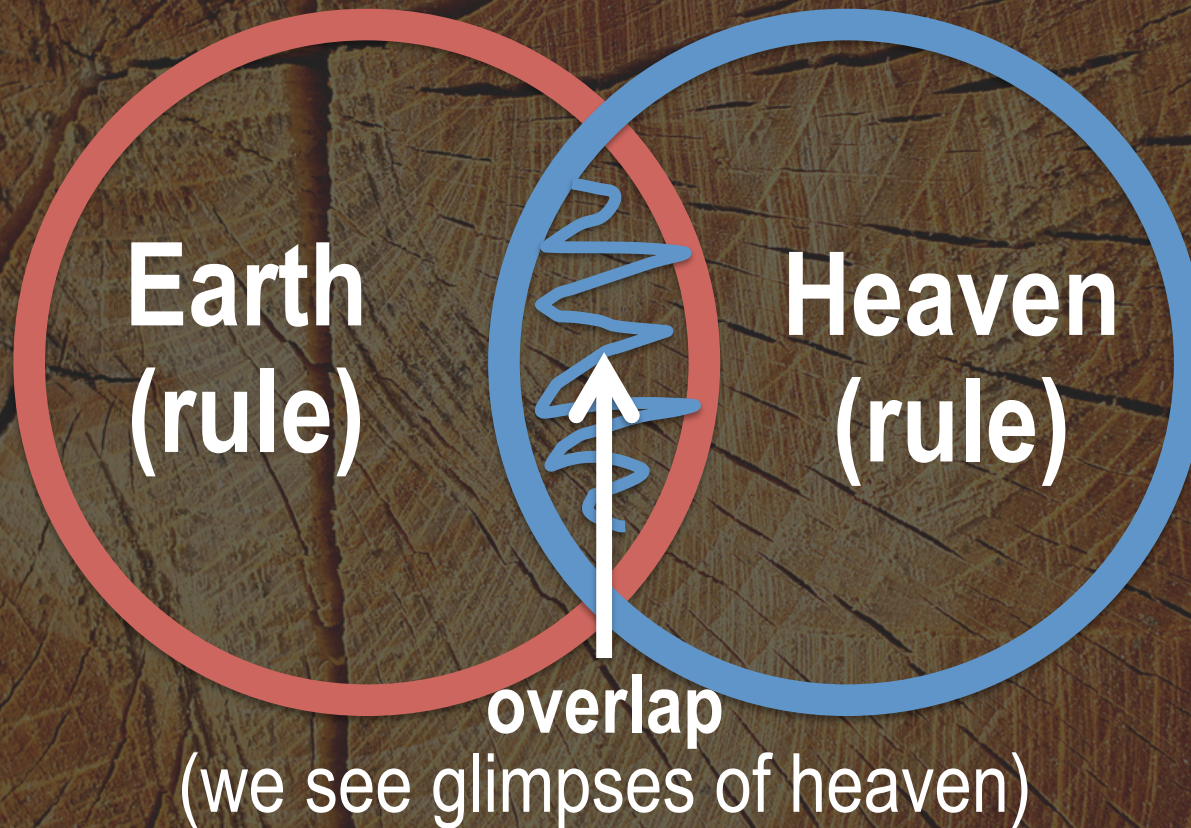
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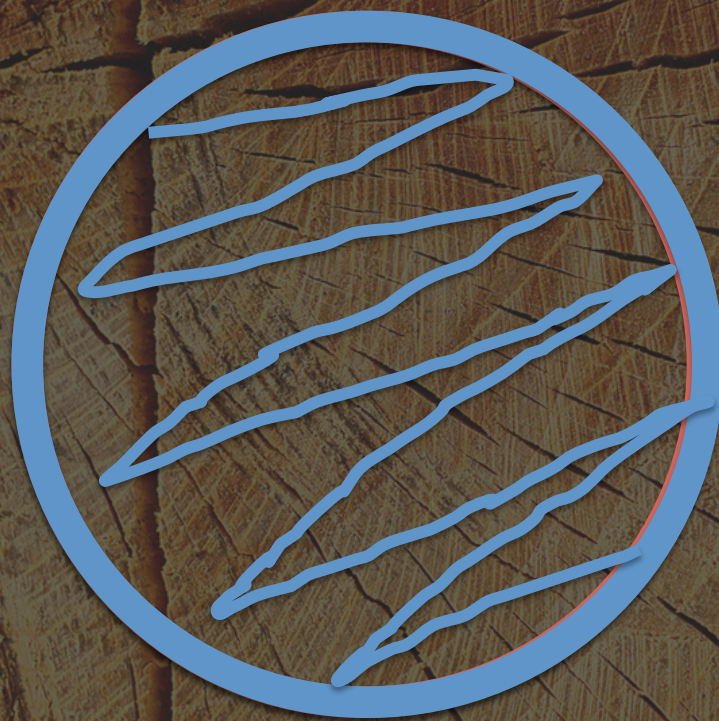
The background of the slide is a dark, textured wood grain. Two large circles are overlaid on the wood. The left circle has a red border and contains the text 'Earth (rule)'. The right circle has a blue border and contains the text 'Heaven (rule)'.

**Earth
(rule)**

**Heaven
(rule)**

Current Age: Between Resurrection and Restoration





Heaven's
Rule will one
day be the
only Rule
(new
creation)