

# Second Hand Preacher

## *Ascension*

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### **Ephesians 1:17-23**

God is the Creator of all things. We don't have to look too far to his majesty in nature. The way he ties earthly things together, he gave us the miracle of life. We see God in nature as well as seeing him in each other. So much of God's glory helps us to realize just how much he loves us. We see his love in all he has made.

God is also divine as he gave us his Son to save our souls. Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead. He then spent the next 40 days appearing to his disciples as to equip them to carry out his ministry on earth while he ascends into heaven. He made them ready to receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Most scholars agree that Paul might not have written this letter himself. The letters were written in his style and thought to be helpful to all Christians, not just those in Ephesus. This letter had the same structure as the one St. Paul wrote to the Colossians. Our reading today is taken from a section known as thanksgiving. The author is thanking the people of the Church for following God and becoming part of the Church. They do so by following the Son who died, rose, and then ascended into Heaven. This action founded the body of the Church. This message was being set forth by this letter.

We are all one body, one body in Christ. This is the universal message of Paul's writing. We 2,000 years later are called to live out our Christianity. We are to experience God's power in creation and the promise for the life to come. This done by the pleading Jesus does at the right hand of the Father. The ascension makes this all possible.