

## **The effects of the Ascension (kenaikan) of the Lord Jesus Christ back to heaven.**

### **1. The Lord Jesus Christ is interceding for us.**

*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 8:3.*

*Jesus Christ is our Mediator (Pengantara) and our Interceder (Jurusyafat)*

### **2. The Lord Jesus Christ is preparing places for us in heaven.**

**The Lord Jesus explained to His disciples**

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

### **3. Before our Lord Jesus Christ returned to heaven He gave a Supreme Command or a Great Commission to His followers.**

Matthew 28:19-20 *"Go and make disciples of all nations"*

Mark 16:15 *"Go into the entire world"*

Luke 24:47 *"Repentance and forgiveness must be preached every where"*

John 20:21 *"As the Father sent me so send I you"*

Acts 1:8 *"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."*

The conclusion of all 5 readings is the same. As followers of Jesus Christ it is our supreme duty to go and share the Gospel with all people in the world. We must begin where we live, "our Jerusalem"

### **We are commanded to share the Gospel. What is the Gospel?**

It must be clear what is the Gospel so that there is no misunderstanding.

In 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 the Apostle Paul is reminding us what the Gospel is.

*Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>*

Verse 1 ***“I want to remind you of the Gospel”***

Verse 2 ***“By this Gospel you were saved”***

Verse 3 ***“I received it and I pass it on to you”***

Then he explains what the Gospel is. The Gospel is so very simple that even little children can understand it.

1. Christ died for our sins and He was buried
2. Christ rose from the dead on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and He was seen by many.

### **We are commanded to go everywhere. Why do we have to go?**

The reason that Jesus commanded us to go is that seldom people come to us. In all my 45 years in missionary service only two people have come to me. The first one was a young man named Andy Yusuf. He was the General Secretary of the Islam Youth Movement in Indonesia... The second person was the chief of security in a factory in Calcutta, India. He was Buddhist and had come to India from Nepal to find work...

### **As we go the Lord Jesus has promised to go with us.**

***“I will be with you till the end of the world”, “I will never leave you nor forsake you”***

In John 20:21 ***“Like the Father sent me so send I you”***.

How did God send His Son? This is important to realize because you and are being send by Jesus Christ in exactly the same way.

***Jesus said, “The words I speak are not my words but the words of the Father”. “The works which I am doing are not my works but the works of the Father”. He also said, “Without Him (the Father) I can do nothing”.***

**God was in Jesus Christ speaking and working through Him.**

Our responsibility is to be available to our Lord Jesus Christ so that He can work and speak through us. Jesus came to “seek and save the lost”.

We present our bodies to Him so that He can seek and save the lost through us.