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St. Gregory of Nyssa on Humanity's Ascension

We're sometimes asked "Are you sure the adoption of humanity is the gospel? That's why we like to reference great theologians in history on this subject. In this passage Gregory of Nyssa explains how Jesus is the reunion of human nature with the Divine nature and how Jesus' ascension reveals to us the destiny of humanity.

Since then it was impossible that our life, which had been estranged from God, should of itself return to the high and heavenly place, for this cause, as saith the Apostle, "He Who knew no sin is made sin for us" and frees us from the curse by taking on Him our curse as His own, and having taken up, and, in the language of the Apostle, "slain" in Himself "the enmity" which by means of sin had come between us and God, (in fact sin was "the enmity") and having become what we were, He through Himself again united humanity to God. . . That which has taken place in Christ's Humanity is a common boon bestowed on humanity generally. For as when we see in Him the weight of the body, which naturally gravitates to earth, ascending through the air into the heavens, we believe according to the words of the Apostle, that we also "shall be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air," even so, when we see that the true God and Father has become the God and Father of our First-fruits, we no longer doubt that the same God has become our God and Father too, inasmuch as we have learnt that we shall come to the same place whither Christ has entered for us as our forerunner. (*Against Eunomius*, Book 12, chapter 1.)