

Worshiping the Ascended Christ

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How do the disciples respond when Jesus is taken up into heaven?
Are you surprised by that response? Why or why not?

This attitude is possible because of the new _____ of the scripture that Jesus has given to them. (see Luke 24:45)

There are several things that contributed to the joy of the disciples as Jesus ascends into heaven:

They *rejoice* because Jesus is going to _____ a _____ for them in heaven. (see John 14:1-4)

They *rejoice* because the cross had not _____ Jesus. The Father was accepting Jesus into the perfection of heaven, so taking our sin upon Himself had not permanently stained Him.

They *rejoice* because Jesus had promised to give them an incredibly valuable gift upon His departure: The _____!

In a way, Jesus in His _____ is able to be closer to all His disciples in a more complete way than He was when He was physically present with them on earth. (see Ephesians 3:14-19)

In verse 51, we see that Jesus does not depart from His disciples before he gives them a blessing.

When Jesus 'blesses' His people, He's not just giving them an encouraging word, He's also giving them His _____.

Having authorized these followers to testify on His behalf, Jesus is taken up in a cloud (see Acts 1:9) and departs for heaven. They rejoice, knowing the best is yet to come and trusting that their eternity is safe with Him, and then they respond by doing what every believer will do for eternity when we depart from this world and join our Savior...

The Disciples **WORSHIP** Jesus.

How is *worshipful* love different than the love we give to one another?

(see Acts 10:25-26, Revelation 19:9-10)

When these men bow in praise and worship to Jesus Christ, they are confessing with their worship that Jesus is in fact **GOD** in the Flesh.

He has prepared a place for you. Prepare your heart to worship Him forever by worshiping Him here on earth, with a faithful heart that rejoices at His will being done!