

THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST

Acts 1:9-11





The Great Commission Given

The Four All's of the Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

- ▶ “All power (authority)...”
- ▶ “All nations...”
- ▶ “All things whatsoever I have commanded you...”
- ▶ “Lo, I am with you alway...”

What occurs when the Great Commission is obeyed? Mat 28:18-20; Mar 16:15-18; Luk 24:46-48

- ▶ People are taught...
- ▶ Become disciples...
- ▶ Believe and trust in Jesus.
- ▶ Repent of sins.
- ▶ Baptized for remission of sins.
- ▶ Forgiven... Saved.



The Time for the Ascension

New Testament references to the Ascension of Christ.

- ▶ Historic Accounts. Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12
- ▶ First two Gospel sermons. Acts 2:33; 3:21
- ▶ Paul's first sermon. Acts 13:34
- ▶ Ephesians 4:8-10
- ▶ Revelation 12:9



The Purpose of the Ascension

Purpose #1: Glorification of Christ



The Glorification of Christ.

- ▶ Received into Glory. Luke 24:25-26, 1 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:21
- ▶ Returned to His former Glory. John 17:5; Phil 2:9-11

The Glorification of Christ.

- ▶ Glorified as High Priest.
 - ▶ Became High Priest. Heb. 4:14; 9:11-2, 24; 10:12
 - ▶ Mediator. 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 4:15-16

The Glorification of Christ.

- ▶ Glorified as King.
 - ▶ Right hand of God.
 - ▶ Col. 3:1; 1 Pet. 3:21-22
 - ▶ Acts 2:33-36
 - ▶ Daniel 7:13-14

Purpose #2: Preparation of the Disciples



Preparation of the Disciples.

- ▶ Expedient. John 16:7
- ▶ Shift in Responsibility. John 20:21, Acts 1:8, 10-11
- ▶ Spirit given. John 16:7, 13; Luke 24:49; Acts 2:1-4

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The next climactic event ...

- ▶ The Second Coming
 - ▶ Acts 1:11
 - ▶ 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
 - ▶ Revelation 1:7
- ▶ ARE WE READY?

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