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The Great Commission



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Pray that God will use you to mobilize His people to reach out and extend His kingdom.

In Matthew 28:18-20 Christ gives us His GREAT COMMISSION.

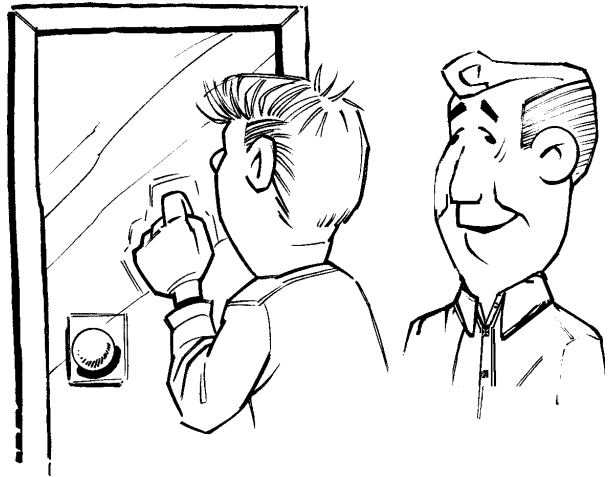
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.



PRACTICAL WORK

- Teach the believers in your church or group the three parts of the Great Commission of Christ in Matthew 28:18-20:
 - His Authority.
 - His Command.
 - His Promise.
- Mobilize the members of your church or group to witness to their own friends and relatives and to teach them to obey all that Christ has commanded. He commands seven basic things:
 - Repent and believe. (Mark 1:15)
 - Be baptized. (Mark 16:16)
 - Love God and others. (Matthew 22 37-39)
 - Pray and feed on the Word of God. (Matthew 4:4, Matthew 6:5-13)
 - Give. (Matthew 6:19-20)
 - Celebrate the Lord's Supper. (Luke 22:17-20)
 - Make disciples; evangelize and teach obedience to the Lord's commands. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Thank and encourage those who persevere in witnessing.

Write in your own words what the Lord commands us in the Great Commission.



The Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 deals with how we make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Great Commission has three parts:

- The Authority of Christ.
- The Command of Christ.
- The Promise of Christ.

THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

Here Christ announces His authority:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
(Matthew 28:18)

We obey Jesus Christ because He is our:

- ☐ Supreme Commander.
- ☐ Tolerant Counselor.

THE COMMAND OF CHRIST

Here the Lord commands His disciples:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”

(Matthew 28:19-20)

The Great Commission is:

- ☐ a powerful command.
- ☐ a weak invitation.



Christ orders us to witness in order to make disciples.

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.

In Matthew 28:18-20, the Lord commands us to go to neglected people, to make disciples. What two things do we do with them to make disciples?

1. _____
2. _____

Christ sends us to make disciples, baptizing them, first, and teaching them to keep all His commands. In the New Testament repentance and baptism always went together.

Note: Some persons fall away after their baptism. If they come back to the Lord, we do not normally baptize them over again. Follow the practice of your church to receive them again into the membership.

Does this include the neighborhoods nearby?

- ☐ Yes.
☐ No.

Christ wants His church to reach the most remote village, to foreign countries, and to nearby neighborhoods to make disciples.

- ☐ Yes.
☐ No.

Are you going to your neighbors to witness to them about Jesus Christ?

- ☐ Yes.
☐ No.

It is a command to confess our Savior before men. He sends us to witness in order to:

- ☐ make disciples of Christ.
☐ show that we are holier than they.



THE PROMISE OF CHRIST

The Lord promises to accompany His disciples:

“And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.”



With these words Christ promises to do something. By means of the Holy Spirit He:

- ☐ lets us work on our own.
☐ accompanies us always.

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 has three parts. The Lord's authority, His command and His promise:

1. Christ declares His supreme authority. (verse 18)
2. Christ commands us to go and make disciples. (verse 19)
3. Christ promises to accompany us. (verse 20)

CHRIST IS THE LORD OF OUR LIVES

He commands us to take the gospel to the whole world. He does not use soft words as a counselor. He uses the strong words of a serious command. He does not beg us: "Please go if you like..." Rather, He says: *"Go! And make disciples..."*

In His Great Commission Christ speaks to us with the words of a:

- ☐ submissive helper.
- ☐ supreme commander.

Christ is our Lord who expects us to obey His commands in love. He said: *"All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth."* That is authority!

There is no other captain or leader with more power. Christ has all power. With this authority He commands us: *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to keep all things that I have commanded."*

The disciple of Christ does not simply "accept" Christ. He also keeps all His commands. A disciple follows his master in everything. The follower of Christ is baptized and obeys all things that the Lord commands.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

In Matthew 28:18-20 the Lord sends us to all nations and peoples. Does this include the most remote village in our country?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.

Does this include remote people groups in foreign countries?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.