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(Matthew 28:18–20) ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- This Scripture contains what has come to be called the Great Commission.

Jesus commissions His disciples to spread the good news and make disciples throughout the whole earth.

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- All power in heaven and earth was given to Christ.

- 28:18 All authority in heaven and on earth: *The resurrection is the ultimate validation of Jesus' divine authority.*
- He extends this authority to His disciples to continue the work of the kingdom of heaven.
(He extended this authority to us as well)

Commission presented—vv. 19–20.

1. **Salvation**—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.

- Notice disciples don't come ready!!!

28:19 make disciples: The disciples' task was to reproduce themselves by going, baptizing, and teaching.

- Teaching and water baptism commanded.

Baptizing: A public signal of identification with Jesus and His kingdom.

2. **Security**—v. 20. and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

28:20 until the end of the age: Marked by Jesus' second coming.

- **He will be with us always.**

1. **Who did Jesus give this command too?**

Jesus gave this command to the apostles shortly before He ascended into heaven, and it outlines what Jesus expected the apostles and those who followed them to do in His absence.

2. Notice the only direct command in (Matthew 28:19–20) is "*make disciples.*"

3. What does this commission instruct us to do?

- The Great Commission instructs us to make disciples while we are going throughout the world.
- The instructions to “go,” “baptize,” and “teach.”

4. How are we to make disciples?

- By baptizing them and teaching them all that Jesus commanded.

5. “**Make disciples**” is the primary command of the Great Commission.

- “**Going**,” “**baptizing**,” and “**teaching**” are the means by which we fulfill the command to “make disciples.”

6. What is a disciple?

- A disciple is someone who receives instruction from another person.
- A Christian disciple is a baptized follower of Christ, one who believes the teaching of Christ.

7. Are you a disciple of Christ?

- A disciple of Christ imitates Jesus’ example, clings to His sacrifice, believes in His resurrection, possesses the Holy Spirit, and lives to do His work.

8. How many of you are following the Command in the Great Commission?

- The command in the Great Commission to “**make disciples**” means to teach or train people to follow and obey Christ.

9. What does **(Acts 1:8)** have to do with this command of the Great Commission?

(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 Great Commission is enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- We are to be Christ’s witnesses, fulfilling the Great Commission in **our cities (Jerusalem)**, in **our states and countries (Judea and Samaria)**, and **anywhere else God sends us (to the ends of the earth)**.

10. How did the apostle fulfill the Great Commission?

- Throughout the book of Acts, we see how the apostles began to fulfill the Great Commission, as outlined in [\(Acts 1:8\)](#).
- First, Jerusalem is evangelized [\(Acts 1 — 7\)](#); then the Spirit expands the church through Judea and Samaria [\(Acts 8 — 12\)](#); finally, the gospel reaches into “the ends of the earth” [\(Acts 13 — 28\)](#).

11. What’s our role today?

- Today, we continue to act as [ambassadors for Christ](#), and “we plead on Christ’s behalf: ‘Be reconciled to God’” [\(2 Corinthians 5:20\)](#).
- We have received a precious gift: “the faith that was once for all entrusted to God’s holy people” [\(Jude 1:3\)](#).

12. What does Jesus Words in the great commission mean to you?

- Jesus’ words in the Great Commission reveal the heart of God, who desires “all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” [\(1 Timothy 2:4\)](#).

Conclusion:

The Great Commission compels us to share the good news until everyone has heard. Like the servants in Jesus’ parable, we are to be about the business of the kingdom, making disciples of all nations: “He called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come” [\(Luke 19:13 \)](#).