

“ALL” OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

TEXT:

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”(Matthew 28: 18-20)

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”(Mark 16:15)

INTRODUCTION:

1) God’s purpose is that every person should hear the Gospel of Christ. “For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”(1Corinthians 1:21)

2) Note text.

3) Jesus has commissioned us with the responsibility of preaching the Gospel to every creature.

4) Early Christians.

(1) “And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” (Acts 4:18-20)

(2) “Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts5:29)

(3) “Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.” (Acts 8:4)

(4) “If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;” (Colossians 1:23)

5) Let’s take a look at the “all” in the great commission.

I. ALL AUTHORITY

1) “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” (Matthew 28:18)

2) Notice also; “therefore.”

3) The church of Christ is different because of its respect for the authority of Christ (the way we worship, teach, all based upon authority of Christ).

4) “For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.” (Acts 3:22-23)

5) Jesus said “all” authority - “therefore.”

II. ALL NATIONS

1) Over six billion people in this world.

2) God desires each person to hear the Gospel. “And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:46-47)

3) We, in America, are blessed.

- (1) Freedom of religion
- (2) Blessed materially
- (3) We have responsibility.

4) God says “every creature.”

III. ALL THE MESSAGE.

1) Matthew 28:18-20 - “all things.”

2) We are not to preach **part of the Gospel** to all the world, neither are we to preach **all the Gospel** to a part of the world, but we are to preach **all the gospel to all of the world.**

3) Cannot alter the message.

(1) “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues

that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.” (Revelation 22:18-20)

(2) “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”
(Galatians 1:6-9)

IV. ALL ASSURANCE.

1) “And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:18-20).

2) Personal assurance - “I am with you.”

3) Constant assurance - “I am with you always.”

4) Enduring assurance - “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

5) This God (who made the heavens and the earth, and uphold all things by the Word of His power), who has promised to be with us.

CONCLUSION:

1) There is much work to do.

2) Urgent work.

3) Brethren, are you willing to go?

(1) We can be fruitful and it will abound to our account.

(2) “But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.” (Phiippians. 1:7)

4) Precious souls, for whom Christ died, are at stake.

5) Let us obey the Gospel ourselves, and then take it others.