

The Great Commission

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1. Review

- a. Believing in the **resurrection** of Jesus is a matter of believing the Scriptures (John 2:22)
- b. Jesus spent time **teaching** his disciples after his resurrection (Acts 1:3)
- c. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, so will the **child** of God (1 Cor. 15:12-22)

2. The Great Commission

- a. After Jesus rose from the dead he appeared to and instructed his disciples
- b. The most notable instruction Jesus gave is known as the great commission
 - i. Commission = an instruction, command, or duty given to a person or group of people
- c. Jesus instructed them to preach the gospel, but what is the Gospel? (1 Cor. 15:1-4)

3. The Scriptures of Jesus' Great Commission

- a. Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (19) **Go** ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) 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.
- b. Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, **Go** ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to **every** creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be **damned**.
- c. Luke 24:46-48 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to **suffer**, and to rise from the dead the third day: (47) And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (48) And ye are **witnesses** of these things.
- d. John 20:21-22 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so **send** I **you**. (22) And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
- e. Acts 1:8-9 (8) But ye shall receive **power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (9) And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

4. Christians now have a duty to preach the gospel before Christ returns

- a. Romans 10:13-14 For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (14) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they **believe** in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a **preacher**?
- b. Jesus asks in Luke 18:8 ...Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find **faith** on the earth?

5. Memory Verses: Last Week **Matthew 28:6**; This Week **Mark 16:15**