

The Great Commission #3

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THE PRIORITY OF THE COMMISSION

Matt. 28:18 *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore ...*

Introduction

We find from this passage of scripture that the priority in the Great Commission is “GO.” Since Jesus has all power in heaven and in earth, and since he retains that power and does not give it up to anyone else; then we have a mandate to GO.

I. THE FIRST APOSTOLIC COMMISSION, Matt. 10:5-16 (Mark 6:7-13)

A. A Commission With Limitations, 5-6

1. Go not to the Gentiles
2. Go not to the Samaritans (½ Gentiles)
3. Go to lost sheep of house of Israel

B. A Commission With a Message, 7

1. “The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”
2. They were sent out two by two – Mark 6:7 *And he called [unto him] the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;*

C. A Commission With Power, 8

D. A Commission With Limited Resources, 9-10

E. A Commission With Dangers, 11-12

F. A Commission With No Glory, Lu 10:20 *Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*

G. Acts 5:20 Apostles out of prison: *Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.*

II. THE PARABLES ABOUT GOING

A. Matt. 21:28-32

1. One said he would not go - Gentiles
2. One said he would go - Jews
3. Which one obeyed his father? The ones who said he would not but did - Gentiles
4. See verse 3

B. Luke 9:59-62

1. “suffer me first to go and bury my father.”
2. “let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.”
3. Luke 9:62 *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

C. Luke 14:14-24

1. The Jews were bidden
2. Luke 14:23 *And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel [them] to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.*

III. FROM THE JEWS TO ALL NATIONS

- A. Acts 18:6 *And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook [his] raiment, and said unto them, Your blood [be] upon your own heads; I [am] clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.*
- B. Peter & Paul: Gal. 2:8 *(For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)* 9 *And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.*

IV. WE MUST BE WITNESSES OF THE GOSPEL

- A. Matt 24:14 *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*
- B. John the Baptist came for a witness: John 1:7, 15
- C. Acts 1:8 *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.*
- D. Acts 26:22 *Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:*
- E. Some have been beheaded for their witness of Christ, carrying out The Great Commission: Rev. 20:4 *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*