

THE GREAT COMMISSION

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The Lord Jesus Christ came from heaven, to the earth for a mission. Being the light, He came to the earth that is full of darkness to bring the light and to destroy the work of the devil. Jesus drove out demons, healed the sick, raised the dead and preached the good news of the Kingdom of God. Jesus as well as chose His disciples and taught them the ways of God and showed them everything they need to know. Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins, He was buried but rose from the earth on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives. **“After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. (Acts 1:3)** Before His ascension to heaven He met His disciples and told them the following: **“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 Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 18-20)** That what is called the great commission that Jesus gave to His disciples, and we among them, to go and do.

To make disciples is to teach people the Word of God and to discipline them and nurture them with God's law and commands. To make disciples of all the nations is to disciple the different ethnic groups of all the languages, tribes and nations. The disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, they should be good learner and good follower of the Lord and they should be teachable. Every believer need to be baptized by immersion in the water in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. After water baptism, we need to continue to teach the disciples to continue to observe all the Lord's commands.

The great commission is the task that Jesus gave to His disciples and to His church to go and do. And if we really put our hands together with the Lord in reaching and discipling new people for Christ then great commission will become.

1- The Great commission is the greatest wonderful mission: To be walking with the Lord, obeying His Word and observing His commands we will see clearly God's presence in our lives. God will confirm His Word to us with many miracles and wondrous acts. As we go on to make new disciples, there will be healing from sicknesses and various diseases. There will be healing from paralysis and epilepsy. There will be expelling of demons (evil spirits). There will be answer prayers. There will be things happen beyond our thinking and imagination. When the Lord Jesus commissioned the disciples to go and preach the gospel. **“Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it” (Mark 16:20)** The Lord completed His Word by the signs that accompanied it. And to this very day and until Jesus will come back to take us with Him and to be forever with Him, He will continue to do all the miracles that He did that we read in the Bible as He is present with us in the Holy Spirit.

2- The Great commission is the greatest protection: Jesus said to His disciples, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”** When Jesus sent us, we are not alone. He is with us, and all the power and authority of Jesus He had delegated to us. As we go on and make new disciples we receive protection from Jesus. There will be external pressure and even persecution but Jesus is right there to protect us.

3- The Great commission is the greatest provision: Jesus said, **“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”** As we go on to make disciples Jesus will provide for us all our needs. The resources that we lack Jesus will bring to us and satisfy us adequately. He is the great provider for our mission.

4- The great commission is the greatest profession: There is no higher calling than the calling of serving the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said, **“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” (Romans 1:16-17)** As well as he said, **“But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. (Philippians 3:7-9)** No greater profession than to make disciples.

5- The Great commission is the greatest decision: Jesus said to His disciples **“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.” (John 15:16)** The great decision that we take is when we decide to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives. God had called us and He had chosen us to bear fruit. There are three types of fruit. **First: Fruit of Repentance,** to turn away from sin and commit our lives to God. **Second: Fruit of the Holy Spirit:** **“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control”.** (Galatians 5:2-23) The fruit of the Holy Spirit is to build the character of Jesus in our lives and to take and cloth ourselves with the same of His attitude. **Third: Fruit of new souls and disciples.** God call us to bear fruit in the form of new disciples whom we need to teach and train in the way of righteousness.

My Dear and Beloved: It is a time for you to rise up from complacency and stand for Jesus and accept His calling into your life to go and make new disciples, as you agree to pray.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on cross for my sins to give eternal life. Lord thank you for Your Word that direct me to do your will. Lord equip me and enable me to go and make new disciples and baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and to teach them to observe everything that you have commanded us. Sustain me and provide me Lord, and go before me in this mission that you entrusted to me with my brothers. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.