

## The Great Commission Matthew 28:18-20

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At Easter time we  
remember and celebrate  
**Jesus Death, burial and resurrection**  
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)  
Jesus spent another 40 days on the earth...

- Proving he was alive
- Preparing his disciples and followers

*Jesus then ascended to Heaven*

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It was during this time that Jesus gave  
**The Great Commission**

- Each of the Gospels and at the beginning Acts we are giving a unique take on the Great Commission
- Probably the most well known is found at the end of the Gospel according to Matthew. **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...**
- This commission not only applied to the original 11, but to all followers of Jesus. This includes us! This includes our church!
- We are called to Glorify God, to proclaiming the Gospel, and building up the body of Christ.

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### Matthew 28:16-20

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.*

*And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.*

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*

*And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age. (ESV)*

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### 1. Jesus' Authority

- Verse 19 begins with:
- Go therefore...



*"We need to know what the **therefore** is there for!"*

- verse 17 *...when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.*
- verse 18 *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

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## Jesus has all Authority

- Jesus is KING! The King of Kings and Lord of Lords
- He has been raised above all things under God the Father
- He has returned to the glory he once had.

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## Ephesians 1:20-23 (ESV)

*...that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.*

*And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

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## 1 Corinthians 15: 27-28 (ESV)

*For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.*

*When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.*

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## John 17 – The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus

*Verse 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*

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What does this mean  
for you and me?

- All things are under Christ's Feet
- Jesus Christ reigns now! He is King now!
- As we go, we stand with the weight of all Christ's Authority behind us.
  - The Word is true
  - The Gospel is true

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## 2. Jesus Assignment

- So, we now know what the **therefore** is there for...
- v19-20a Go therefore...
- Or we could say... "because Jesus has **all authority**..."
- Go and **make disciples of all nations**, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

*What is discipleship?*

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## Discipleship

- **The command in the Great Commission to "make disciples" means to teach or train people to follow and obey Christ.**
- Hebrews 6:1-2 (ESV)
- Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.
- 1 Peter 2:1-2 (ESV)
- So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation

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## Make Disciples

- Go
- Baptising
- Teaching

These are indirect commands in the Greek, the only direct command is:

**Make Disciples**

The imperative (make disciples) explains the central focus of the Great Commission, while the Greek participles (translated go, baptising and teaching) describe aspects of the process. (ESV study Bible)

Lets look at each...

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Go</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "All nations"           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not everyone will be called to overseas missions</li> <li>• We are a body and each has their part to play...</li> </ul> </li> <li>• As you go...           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To work</li> <li>• To school</li> <li>• Up the street</li> <li>• At home</li> <li>• Where ever</li> <li>• Supporting someone who is overseas (Mary Hutton/Rodda Family)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Be ready           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To share the hope you have</li> <li>• Stand up for Jesus</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Baptising</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baptism doesn't save, but being a disciple is obeying Christ... Christ commands us to be baptised. It is fruit of salvation           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baptism is a sign of salvation</li> <li>• Outward sign of an inward change</li> <li>• Born again / regenerated</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In the Name (singular) of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit</li> </ul>		

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Teaching</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A means by which we are continually transformed to be more like Christ.</li> </ul> <p><b>Romans 8:29 (ESV)</b>        For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.</p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)</b>        And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.</p>		

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## Teaching

Church

- Preaching the Word / teaching to observe and obey Christ's Commands

**2 Timothy 4:2 (ESV)** Preach the Word  
preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

**2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)**  
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

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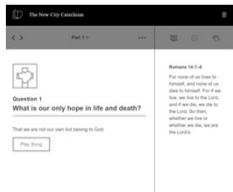
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## What does this mean for you and me?

- We are not all theological teachers, but we all have a role to play.
  - Specially parents
- New City Catechism – 52 Q & As
  - <http://newcitycatechism.com/>
  - Free App
  - Simplified Children's version
  - Kids Song for each question to help memorise.
  - (We learn these around dinner)




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## 3. Jesus' Assurance

- Verse 20b And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age.
- Jesus comforts us with these words, that as we go and make disciples he is with us...
- Matthew 1:23 Jesus is called Immanuel 'God with us'. And he continues to be with us until the end of the age.

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### 3. Jesus' Assurance

- Jesus has all Authority and he is with us until the end of the age.
- We can therefore go with great assurance. That God is sovereign, He is with us, and He will save those whom he has called.
- Our job is to go and preach the gospel, *making disciples*.
- To call individuals to commit to Jesus, not just as Saviour, but as Master and Lord.

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### How is Jesus with us?

We know that every believer has been *"sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it"* Eph 1:13-14

The Holy Spirit also empowers every Christian to be a witness.

Acts 1:8 is very much part of the great commission also,

***But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* (ESV)**

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### What does this mean for you and me?

Borrowing from J I Packer's Book ***Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God***, this confidence should cause the following in us:

1. It should make us bold  
Even when response isn't what we want.
2. It make us patient  
God is sovereign and saves in his own time. It is the Holy Spirit who convicts and regenerates.  
We need stickability
3. It should make us prayerful  
We cannot fulfil the great commission by ourselves, we need God and each other!  
Prayer aligns our perspective with that of God.

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## Conclusion:

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Preach the Gospel with confidence.

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## Benediction

*And Jesus came and said to them,  
"All authority in heaven and on earth  
has been given to me.*

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I  
have commanded you.*

*And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age. (ESV)*

Amen  
Go in Peace.

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