

Matthew 28:20

“teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Intro:

Jesus actually never asked you to do this task of the Great Commission on your own. This call to live and share the gospel was not for you to attempt as an individual. Rather, He actually taught that there was a supernatural way to live that would transcend your inability and that it was not a task to undertake alone. Yes, Jesus wants His irresistible life shared with the entire world. But, we must understand not only the proper theological truths Jesus unleashed in the Great Commission, the missiological scope of God's plan to spread the gospel, as well as the issues that Jesus words addressed to show us the reality that we can live in the power of the gospel.

I. Theologically

- Baptism is a significant. The life of the follower of Jesus begins with identification!!
- Teaching and living what the Bible says
- Jesus is revealing to us that we would experience the indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- The presence of God manifested Exodus 3:12; Joshua 1:5,9; Isaiah 41:10; Isaiah 43:5 but He did not permanently indwell.
- Do you live in such a way that reveals you understand these things?

II. Missiologically

- That the scope of the mission is world wide, it begins with who is around us right now, and it lasts till he comes again.
- What are you doing that shows you understand the scope of the Great Commission?

III. Practically

- Jesus statement: “I am with you always”

Jesus revelation that “I am with you always” addresses many issues. If the gospel is going to become our life we must have unrelenting confidence in Jesus and His message. Here are some of the issues these powerful words address:

1. Legitimacy.

Remember He had just said “all authority (power) has been given unto Me”. The legitimacy of the message and our authorization to go out and be received by people is

that the supreme leader of the universe gave us the order and gave us the authority to carry out the task.

***Illustration:** Condo owner

2. Permanency.

Now God permanently and perpetually dwells WITHIN us.

- *I am with you.* Not, *I will be* with you, but ***I am—ego eimi.***¹

3. Efficacy.

This part of the Great Commission is important because it addresses the way in which the gospel would be effective. It would be powerful because it would actually done in HIS power and not our own.

- *constant* presence; *Always, **pasas tas hemeras**—all days, every day.*²
- You will succeed
- The work will be effectual

4. Inadequacy.

Do you disconnect from the Great Commission call of God because you feel inadequate for the task? Good, I'm glad you feel inadequate, that's' the whole point! What did Jesus mean when He said, "teach them all I have commanded you and I am with you always"? We tend to easily forget that Jesus reveals to us our incapability so that we will utterly rely on all His ability. The Great Commission speaks to our inability and inadequacy. Jesus reveals His supreme power to us by working through us! Your inadequacy is one of the highlights of Jesus command.

- Fear
- Assurance

When we see our inadequacy...Jesus is now necessary!

5. Necessity.

I think one of the most difficult things for people here in our city to grasp is the necessity of Jesus. People here like Jesus, may be endeared to Jesus, even to some degree want Jesus. But He is not a necessity. Understanding the Great Commission and then living it out will REQUIRE us viewing Jesus as a necessity

¹Henry, Matthew: Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible : Complete and Unabridged in One Volume. Peabody : Hendrickson, 1996, c1991, S. Mt 28:16

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