

Series: Basic Evangelism

Title: The Great Commission

Text: Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8

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The Great Commission is a teaching that was given by Jesus. It provides the basis for the _____ of the church. The New Testament recounts the Lord's giving of the Great Commission in different passages (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:8).

The Great Commission reveals four important truths about our gospel witness...

1. The _____ of Our Witness

Matthew _____

“Authority” = the right to determine a _____ of action.

2. The _____ in Our Witness

Mark _____

“Proclaim” = to _____ publicly.

3. The _____ of Our Witness

Acts _____

“Jerusalem” = this was the _____ from which the Great Commission was given. The disciples were to proclaim Jesus within the most immediate context in which they found themselves.

“Judea” = this was the surrounding _____ around Jerusalem. It was a territory. We could think of it as being similar to our concept of states in the United States.

“Samaria” = This was a region outside of _____. Most Jews in Jerusalem and Judea regarded residents of Samaria as a lower class of citizens. Few would dare travel to the region. Jesus did, however, showing His love for all people (John 4:4-30).

“Ends of the Earth” = this referred to other _____ or _____ groups, as the concept of nations as we know it did not necessarily exist in the first-century world.

We are called to proclaim Christ across the _____, across the _____, across _____-economic boundaries, and across the _____!

4. The _____ of Our Witness

Matthew _____

5. The _____ in our Witness

John _____

“Peace” = related to the Hebrew concept of “shalom.” Referred not just to the absence of _____, but also include ideas of harmony, prosperity, and abundance.

6. The _____ for Our Witness

Matthew _____

“I am with you always” = referred to the _____ Jesus had made concerning the coming of the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-31). The Holy Spirit descended upon the church on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13).

Acts _____

“Power” = the Greek word underlying English translations is one from which we get our word “_____.” It referred to power that made one “able” or “capable.”

“Being an effective witness involves sharing the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.” **Darrel Robinson**