

Develop World Vision

Matthew 28:19-20

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“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:19-20).

We learn from the context of these verses that the eleven were present when Jesus gave this commission. They had gone into Galilee, a long journey for just one encounter with Christ. They had been with Him several times after His resurrection in Jerusalem and would see Him there again. Why did they go all the way to Galilee? Because Christ had appointed them to do so.

Humanly speaking it seemed to be a strange and needless thing to do, but thank God they had learned to base their actions on the Word of Christ and not on their own logic and feelings. Would to God we might learn the same lesson.

When the meeting took place they worshipped but some doubted. Even among those who worship will be those who doubt. There are always the weak and wavering.

As we read further into the Book of Acts we can see that their faith grew to full assurance and their lives were used to bring great glory to God.

Then Jesus spoke. He gave these men the character of the kingdom of God. They were to be His ambassadors. Here were their instructions and credentials. He tells them of His own universal dominion over heaven and earth.

He has all power and all authority. It was given to Him by His Father.

He spoke to them as the glorified, risen Christ and He orders them to disperse among all nations.

The commission is given to you and me as well: to those who follow Christ even unto the end of the world. The message is to be given to all, and no one is to be excluded from the kingdom of God, except those who through their own prejudice, unbelief and unrepentant spirits, exclude themselves.

Through this commission Christ established His plan to bring the world to His feet as King, to establish a school where He would teach and we would learn, to raise up an army to carry on a continuing and unrelenting war against the powers of evil and darkness, and to enlist the nations to march under His banner.

Through baptism they were to be publicly identified with Christ and His people. And then the staggering promise: “Lo! I am with you, even unto the end of the world.” He is with us to see us through our difficulties and to bring blessing and fruitfulness to our service.

Our commission? Make disciples. Win people to Christ, and help them become mature, fruitful, committed followers of Christ. What a joy to be involved in eternity, in a cause worthwhile!

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