

THE GREAT COMMISSION

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth,” Acts 1:8.

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 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 always, even unto the end of the world. Amen,” Matthew 28:18-20.

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover,” Mark 16:15-18.

“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high,” Luke 24:47-49.

“Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you,” John 20:21.

I. Some Helpful Outlines of the Basics.

- Roman's Road.
 1. Man's need.
 - “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God,” Romans 3:23.
 2. Sin's penalty.
 - “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord,” Romans 6:23a.
 3. Christ's remedy.
 - “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us,” Romans 5:8.
 4. God's gift.
 - “But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord,” Romans 6:23b.
 5. How to receive.
 - “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved,” Romans 10:9-10, 13.

II. Gospel Facts.

- A. The fact of sin.
 1. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God,” Romans 3:23.
 2. “As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one,” Romans 3:10.
- B. The fact of separation.
 1. “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear,” Isaiah 59:2.

2. "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life," Revelation 21:27.
- C. The fact of ultimate judgment.
1. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," Romans 6:23.
 2. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," Hebrews 9:27.
 3. "And I saw a great throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," Revelation 20:11-12, 15.
- D. The fact of redemption.
- "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him," Romans 5:8-9.
- E. The need for reception.
- "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name," John 1:12.

III. Truths to Remember.

- A. Eternal life is a free gift—not earned nor deserved.
1. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," Romans 6:23.
 2. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast," Ephesians 2:8-9.
- B. Man is a sinner and cannot save himself.
1. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23.
 2. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost," Titus 3:5.
- C. God is a loving and merciful God and will judge all mankind.
1. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16.
 2. "And I saw a great throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works," Revelation 20:11-12.
- D. Jesus Christ paid for all sin by substitution and is now a stepping stone between God and man.
1. "For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself," Hebrews 9:26.
 2. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus," 1 Timothy 2:5.
- E. Eternal life comes to us by God's favor. It is not mental assent, but trusting in God alone.
1. Romans 10:9-10, 13.
 2. 2 Corinthians 5:19.
 2. Ephesians 2:8-9.