

# The Great Commission

## “As you are Going”

*Matthew 28:19*

- Christ's Power – Understanding Delegated Authority

*Matthew 28:18 All Power is given unto me in heaven and in earth*

Christ is the highest authority and the highest power being God himself and the creator of all things. But because of the predeterminate counsel *Acts 2:23* he perfectly submitted himself to the will of the Father

*Phil 2: 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

Christ gained authority on earth through his submission and obedience... *John 5:19 The Son cannot do anything of himself, but only what he sees the Father do.* Jesus was God but totally and completely submitted himself to God the Father – That's what qualified him to redeem sinful man.

### Our Qualification in Evangelism

- Self-Denial – *Matthew 16:24*
- Co-crucifixion – *Gal 2:20*
- Death – *John 12:24 & II Cor 5:14-19*

Christ Reconciled us through his death, we now reconcile the world through our death so that Christ can now live through us! We can talk about missions; we can talk about method – But if we miss co-crucifixion we miss our primary means in winning the lost which is our death for his life!!!

In evangelism the crux of our witness is to know we have no power – but its Christ's relegated authority that comes through our obedience and submission!

*Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. 18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. 19 Behold, I give unto you power (delegated authority) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

- The Believers Position – God gives the Increase

The Holy Spirit is the only soul winner – We cannot over emphasize that enough. So its through our submitting to the Word and the will of God that he now works through us to win the lost to Christ.

*Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power after that the holy Ghost is come upon you and you shall be witnesses of me* (He didn't ask us do we want to be witnesses) The life we live in this world speaks to the type of witness you are!

I Cor 3:6 Paul planted, Apollos watered but God gives the increase. 7 Neither is he that planteth anything, neither is he that watereth anything, but God that gives the increase. Its liberating to know that we are nothing and Christ is everything. Consistency!!

Important - Sometimes God might not even let you see them get saved – but just has you planting the seed. Plant the seed and keep on moving...

- Christ Prepares the Heart

Only Christ can resurrect the dead – John 11:43

- Encounters of those who Accepted Christ

Christ encounter with Nicodemus John 3 – He sought Jesus by Night (Searching)

Phillips encounter w / Eunuch Acts 8:35 Phillip opened mouth and preached Jesus!! (Seeking Revelation)

Ananias encounter with Saul Acts 8:15 Prayed for him (Encountered the very Christ – Traumatized)

Paul and Silas encounter with Jailer Acts 16:27 The Jailer was about to kill himself (Feared for his life)

Jesus Encounter with woman at the well John 4... (seeking, thirsting, natural, hungry, hurting)

So whether its foreign missions, whether street ministry, Nursing home, Prison, VBS, sports camp... Even hospital visits.. This principle of delegated authority must apply!! – Not by power, not by might but by his spirit sayeth the Lord!!!

We may present the gospel thoroughly and lovingly, and the person to whom we witness may hear and understand but choose to walk away. We are not responsible for that reaction, only the level of obedience involved in our presentation

- God Placed a Quest to Search in the Heart of Nicodemus (Search for the Truth)

True evidence of salvation is the witness of the Spirit John 3:5,6 and 8 all reference the Spirit capital “S”

John 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

- Our New Life is from above

we have a anchor from above! Listen – we ought not look and act like the world.

Our Life is from above – Col 3 Our seat is in Christ Jesus!! When Christ who is our life.

James 3:15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

Our direction, decision making, and discernment is from above.

John 3:12 Nicodemus could not understand earthly things without the Spirit

James 3:16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without

- Old Nature has been Crucified - New Nature has been Raised

Old Nature / Carnal Nature – This is how we were born, with a bent (crook) away from God. **Rom 3:23**

**John 3:13-14** – We were poisonously vexed!!! **Numbers 21:4-9** Look and Live – By faith

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth – Key - Believes on him... Looks to him by faith in obedience.

Our old nature is poisonously vexed and cannot be fixed up and repaired. We have been replaced with a new nature **Ephesians 2:6** that has been raised to sit with Christ

