

The Great Commission

Introduction

Matt 26:32

32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

The Great Commission According Matthew: Matt 28:16-20

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16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Action: Go and Make Disciples

Acts 2:14

"14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.'"

Isa 54:13; John 6:44-46

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me."

The Result: Those Who Accepted the Word Were Baptized

Acts 2:41

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:47:

"Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number (KJV: the church) daily those who were being saved."

The Great Commission According to Mark: Mark 16:15-16

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15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

The Action: Preach the Good News to All Creation

Acts 2:5

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

Acts 2:7-12

7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

1 Cor 15:1-7

15:1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, . . . 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

Rom 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

The Action: Whoever Believes

Rom 10:14-15

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Heb 11:1-2

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Heb 11:5

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

The Action: And Is Baptized

Matt 3:16:

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water.

Acts 8:38-39

Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water.

Col 2:12

Having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

The Result: Will Be Saved

Matt 28: 19-20; Act 2:41; Acts 2:47

Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved

Rom 6:3-7:

3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

1 Peter 3:21-22:

21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

The Result of Inaction: Will Be Condemned

Whoever does not believe will be condemned.

The Great Commission According to Luke: Luke 24:46-48

This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things."

1 Cor 15:1-4 above

The Action: Preach Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins

Acts 2:36-39

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2 Cor 7:10

10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

Acts 3:19-20

Repent , then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, 20 and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance

Acts 17:30

30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

The Result: the Forgiveness of Sins

Matt 26:27-29

“Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins .”

Acts 2:38

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

Acts 26:17-18

17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them 18 to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

The Elements of the Great Commission							
	Preach Teaching	The Gospel Everything the Lord Commanded	Whole Creation All Nations	Believe	Repent	Be Baptized	Make Disciples Forgiveness of Sins Saved
Matt 28:19-20	X		X			X	X
Mark 16:15-16	X	X	X	X		X	X
Luke 24:46-48	X		X		X		X