
The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:3

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

1. **What are some of the things that “all authority” on earth would be comprised of?**
2. **What are some things that all authority in Heaven would be comprised of?**
3. **Read Philippians 2:5-11 and discuss how this demonstrates Jesus authority over all people.**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

The Great commission does not tell the disciples to just go share the truths of the Gospel, but to do three things.

- **make disciples** – That is to make followers of Jesus. They need to know the Gospel, be filled with the knowledge of God, and living a life in the obedience and pursuit of Jesus.
- **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The act of baptism is a representation of the knowledge of God’s washing away our sins in the blood of Christ.
- **teach them to observe all that I have commanded you.** Impossible – without Grace. This is the essence of the Christian life, and the source of the proclamation of the Gospel.

4. **How do we show Grace to our children without failing to discipline?**
5. **How do we show the Gospel as a message of Grace without making it a list of rules?**

I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

6. **Jesus surrounds his command to his disciples with statements of his authority and his eternal presence. Why might He do this? Does the impossibility of the task help us to see the need for His presence?**