

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

I. THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH — THE PERSON AND FINISHED WORK OF JESUS CHRIST (Matthew 16:13-18)

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A. What is God’s PLAN to Build Christ’s Church? (Matthew 28:16-20)

1. The *audience* originally receiving these instructions were the _____.
(28:16-17)

* What historically had occurred up to this point?

2. The *authority* for the Great Commission is _____. (28:18)

* Why is this significant to grasp?

3. The *assignment* of this mission from Jesus Christ it to _____.
(28:19a)

* What does this entail?

* Does this require that all believers do each of these equally?

4. The *activities* involved in carry this out would involve _____, _____,
and _____. (28:19a)

* What would be the purpose of each of these?

5. The *assuring* promise of Christ in carrying this out is _____
_____. (28:20)

* Why would this guarantee be needed?

* Why can we be confident that these instructions apply to us today?

B. What is God's PROCLAMATION to Build Christ's Church? (Mark 16:14-16)

1. The *messengers* are genuine _____ . (16:14)

* How should this encourage you?

2. The *mission* is to _____ and _____ in _____. (16:15a)

3. The *message* to be preached is the _____. (16:15)

* What is the Gospel?

* What can we learn from this?

C. What is God's POWER to Build Christ's Church? (Luke 24 & Acts 1)

1. The *power* resides in the message of the _____ (Luke 24:46-47) and the ministry of the _____ (Luke 24:49)

* Is the Holy Spirit really that important in all this?

2. The purpose of the Holy Spirit's enablement is for us to be _____ of _____ . (Luke 24:48; Acts 1:4-11)

* What should this teach us?

D. What Then Did God PRODUCE Through All This?

1. The _____ began. (Acts 2:1-4)

* Does God keep His promises?

2. The lost were _____ and _____ to the Church. (Acts 2:41-47)

* Did they preach the Gospel, baptize believers, and teach them the Word of God?

3. _____ were planted. (Acts 8:1-4, 11:9-24)

* Why is this significant to note?

4. Believers were _____ the Word and _____ for ministry. (Acts 11:26)

* What term is used to describe those affected by Peter and Paul's ministry?

5. Believers were _____ to evangelize, plant churches, disciple believers, etc. (Acts 13:1-5, 14:21-23)

6. God was _____ through the building of Christ's Church. (Acts 14:25-28)

* What can we learn from all this?

(1) We must keep the _____ of the church _____ in light of all the ecclesiastical confusion around us today.

(2) We must follow God's _____ in order to see Christ's church built _____ way.

(3) We need to _____ to the Lord of the harvest to send forth willing, usable servants of Christ into the fields of the world.

(4) We must recognize the crucial place of the _____, the _____, and the _____ in fulfilling all of this.

* How does all of this apply to you?