



Lesson Six
The Great Commission
Matthew 28:18–20

There are five times in the Bible that Jesus Christ gave us what we call the Great Commission. The Great Commission is a commission that Christ has left for his churches to fulfill until He returns. It is mentioned once in all four gospels and once in the book of Acts. In each of these five occurrences we have some truth revealed that when combined give us a clear picture of what it is we need to know to successfully fulfill this commission. After Jesus Christ died and three days later arose from the grave, he spent 40 days with His disciples teaching them before He ascended into heaven. There are two mentions of the Great Commission on the day of the resurrection, one during the forty days Christ spent with His disciples and twice on the day of His ascension. Christians need to understand that there is a purpose for their lives and that all things in their lives should be aiming at this purpose. Everything we do should be a support for this commission. Therefore, Christ left us on earth. Let's consider these five occurrences of the Great Commission in chronological order.

- I. We Are Sent By _____ Authority (John 20:19–21)
- A. Our obedience to the commission must start with _____ not with _____.
- B. Knowing we are sent by God will give us _____ to be a bold witness.
- II. Ye Are _____ (Luke 24:46–48)
- A. We must be _____, before we can _____ (Gal. 2:20).

B. We must _____ to _____ to become true witnesses of Christ (Rom. 12:1–2).

- The root word for the word *witness* is the same word for *martyr*. A martyr is one that gives his life for a cause.

III. The Lord Jesus Is _____ While We Witness (Matt. 28:16–20)

A. Christ promised that He would be with us as we are _____ to His Commission.

- Jesus Christ said “go” and “lo” He will be with us. He will not leave us alone if we do what He has asked us to do. His presence and power will go with us we witness of Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection.

B. Christ gave this promise to _____ believer.

- This event in Matthew 28 coincides with what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15, when Christ was seen of five hundred brethren at once. It is believed that during this mention of Christ’s commission there were over five hundred believers present. The command is not just given to preachers and pastors. We are all commanded in the church to go, whether that is in our neighborhood or across seas, we are all commanded to go.

IV. _____ Take Place As The Gospel Is Proclaimed (Mark 16:15–20)

A. God used miracles to confirm the _____ as Christ had prophesied (II Cor. 12:12; Acts 28:3–7).

B. We are never to _____ signs and wonders (Matt. 16:4).

C. The real miracle that follows believers today is a _____ life (Rom. 12:2).

- Transformed lives will follow those that are truly following Christ and fishing for men. Let us never lose sight of the true miracles of life.

V. There Is No Place To _____ (Acts 1:6–8).

- Our mission field is every part of the world. There is no way that we can say we are done at any point in our life. We need to continue sending missionaries out to every part of the world. We can never stop.

Assignment # 4

1. What is the Great Commission?
2. How many times did Jesus give the Great commission?
3. Write the references to each occurrence.
4. Whose responsibility is it to fulfill the Great Commission?
5. Why did supernatural miracles accompany the apostles' message?
6. What is the greatest miracle that accompanies the Great Commission?
7. What gives us confidence as we obey the Great Commission?