


The Gospel of Matthew

"The Great Commission" (pt 2)
Matthew 28:16-20


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But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.
And when they saw Him, they worshipped; but some were doubtful.
And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."




The Great Commission

1. **The Basis:** the universal authority of Jesus
2. **The Content:** make disciples
3. **The Promise:** the ongoing presence of Jesus




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1. The Specific Focus
 - *"all the nations"*
 - the gospel is to go beyond Israel to all the Gentile nations of the earth
 - implies that "going" to the nations must be intentional and deliberate, not incidental



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2. The Meaning of "all the nations"
 - *"panta ta ethne" (Gr.)*
 - does not mean "all the Gentiles"
 - does not mean political, geographic states, but cultural-linguistic-ethnic groupings of people ("people groups")



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3. The Unique Task
 - *to make disciples within unreached peoples*
 - "unreached peoples" – people groups where there is no indigenous community of believers able to evangelize the group
 - the task is to establish the church among people groups where it does not exist

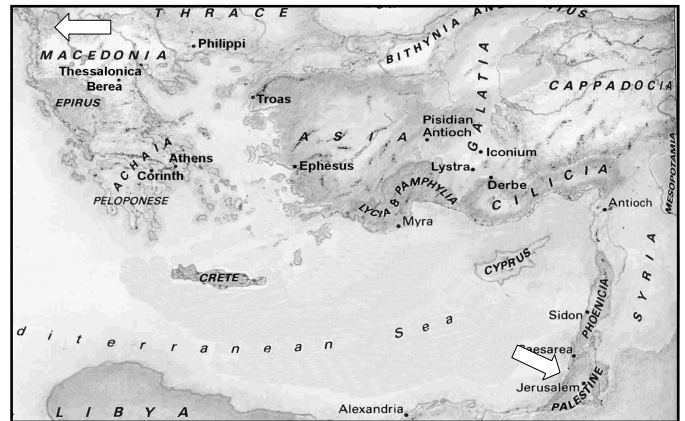


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Example of Paul (Rom. 15:18-24)



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The Goal

➤ *that God's name would be glorified by people from every tribe, tongue and nation (Rev. 7:9-10)*



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Conclusion

➤ *Making disciples of all people groups must be an integral part of our obedience to and fulfilling of the Great Commission*