

The Message

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The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to obey all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Amen.



How?

How were they to make disciples out of all the nations?

1. Go
2. Make disciples of all nations
3. Baptize them
4. Teach them to obey



Nations; Not Just Individuals



How did the early Christians understand this?

Armenia was the first Christian nation state – 300 AD



Teaching What?

Teaching them all that He commanded the apostles.

Abraham and his children are heirs of the world
(Romans 4:13).

1 Corinthians 3:21 says the world is ours.



Why?

Why Go and Make Disciples of All the Nations?

1. Because Jesus said so.
2. Because all authority is given to Christ.
3. Because Christ is the only way the world can be saved.
4. Because He shall succeed in converting the nations.



There Are Two Errors Concerning the Authority of Christ.

1. His authority is **only in the heavenly** realm.
2. They say He is **not king yet**.

“Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father” (1 Chronicles 29:23).

“The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ” (Revelation 11:15).



Another False Idea

False: Christ will come and force the whole world to obey Him.

Your people *shall be* volunteers in the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning (Psalm 110:3).

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations shall worship before You (Psalm 22:27).



A Day of Power Is Coming

The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14).



Christ Is Not a Fascist Dictator

“Hitler insisted that Christianity was the severest blow mankind had suffered . . . And it was all the invention of the Jew” (*Modern Fascism* by Gene Edward Veith).

Jesus said, “Salvation is of the Jews” (John 4).



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1. Emphasis on race.
2. Diversity training.
3. State control of the economy (statism).
4. Leveling the field.
5. Political correctness.
6. Rejection of God’s Law.
7. Extreme environmentalism.
8. Harmony with nature and state.
9. Control of the capitalist banks.



Turning the World Upside Down

“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king – Jesus” (Acts 17:6-7).



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