


The Message

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The Great Commission Commanding Individuals to Obey

Matthew 28:18-20

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5 Points of the Covenant in the Great Commission

1. All Authority Given to Me
2. The Church Is to Go
3. All Are to Obey
4. Baptism
5. I Will Always Be with You



All 5 Points of the Covenant Have to Do with Obedience

1. All authority given to Christ implies obedience is demanded.
2. The Apostles going implies that the church is the delegated authority of God that is to be obeyed.
3. Teach them to obey.
4. Baptism implies blessing for obedience.
5. Being with us to the end of the age implies a blessed future for obeying.



Obedience Brings Prosperity

Therefore keep the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may **prosper** in all that you do
(Deuteronomy 29:9).



Obedience Brings Great Blessings

And if you **faithfully obey** the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, **if you obey** the voice of the LORD your God (Deuteronomy 28:1-2).



Obedience Does Not Come Naturally

Children are born with a fallen, disobedient nature. It is inbred as a generational curse inherited from the parents.



Parents Who Send Their Children to Hell

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
The rod of correction will drive it far from him
(Proverbs 22:15).



Dopamine Works Better Than Drugs

He who spares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him
promptly (Proverbs 13:24).



God Uses Satanic Forces to Teach Obedience

Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger
And the staff in whose hand is My indignation
(Isaiah 10:5)



Love Is the Motive

For whom the LORD loves He chastens,
And scourges every son whom He receives
(Hebrews 12:6).



Suffering Teaches Obedience

Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience
by the things He suffered (Hebrews 5:8).

Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word
(Psalm 119:67).



The Disobedient Are Cursed

Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should **obey** His voice?” (Exodus 5:2).



God Rejects Those Who Disobey

“to obey is better than sacrifice ... rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king”
(1 Samuel 15:23).



Thomas Aquinas

(1225 – 1275 AD)

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive
(Hebrews 13:17).



Obedience Imparts Authority & Power

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me? (Psalm 118:6).



God Gives the Holy Spirit to Those Who Obey Him

And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him (Acts 5:32).



Obedience Gives Power to Disobey Evil

“Only the church opposed Hitler’s fight against liberty
... I now admire what I used to consider of no value.”
Albert Einstein



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