

“Christian Living: The Great Commission”
“Implications of the Gospel” — Part 4
Matthew 28:18-20

***As soldiers of Christ, we engage an enemy
and we engage the world!***

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." *Matthew 28:18-20*

In obedience to Christ’s commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Making Disciples

1. The what

“A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master...”
Matthew 10:24-25

2. The who

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...
Matthew 28:19

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."
Revelation 7:9-10

3. The how

- **First, we must introduce people to Jesus.**

*A person testifies to what he or she
has personally experienced.*

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...
1 Peter 3:15

• **Second, we must communicate the gospel through our actions.**

*In a very real sense, our own
lives are part of the message.
How we live communicates
something to our hearers.*

We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the
gospel of God but our lives as well... 1 Thessalonians 2:8

***“Preach the gospel at all times;
If necessary, use words.”***

Francis of Assisi

***“How we live provides context
for the message we proclaim.”***

Evangelical Convictions

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

James 2:26

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good
deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing
wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:12

4. The Great Commission mentions two other aspects of the disciple-making process.

- **Baptism**—Baptism reminds us that becoming a disciple of Jesus, though very personal, is never private.
- **Teaching**—Through teaching we learn how to become like Christ.

***“We are called not simply to make converts,
but disciples—apprentices of Jesus who are
being conformed to His image.”***

Evangelical Convictions

We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that
we may present everyone perfect in Christ. Colossians 1:28

Application: The grace of God that takes away our sins also calls us to a new life. This new life should reflect a desire to love God, love one another, and love our neighbor. As soldiers of Christ, we enter into a spiritual battle and obey Christ’s Great Commission. The gospel compels us to this new life of love, witness, and grace-filled living.

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to
maturity... Hebrews 6:1