

37. The Great Omission

Jesus said, "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 Io, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." That's His Great Commission from Matthew 28:18-20.

Several days before the Ascension, Jesus appeared to His disciples in Galilee. Jesus said that all authority had been given to Him ... and commanded them to "Go make disciples". Jesus said to baptize them and teach them to obey the Lord. And Jesus promised to be with them as they obeyed His Great Commission.

His disciples were to make disciples who would obey Him in His command to "make disciples". The Great Commission is about believers being in the multiplication process of making disciples who make disciples ... who make disciples ... who make disciples ... who make disciples ... and so on until the end of the age. Is the average Christian obedient in this? No. Ask your Christian friends to make a list of twenty great sins that Christians commit. I'd be surprised if disobeying Matthew 28:18-20 was on that list. It should be ... after all it is His Great Commission. It's His direct commandment given just a few days before He returned to Heaven. Are you obeying Him in this? Are you making disciples? The One with all authority has commanded you. Don't let the Great Commission be the Great Omission in your life. Be a disciple and a disciplemaker. And Jesus will be "with you always, even to the end of the age."

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