**Matthew 28 – Great Chapters in the Bible Series**

Understanding the Great Commission.

***Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17And when they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[***[***b***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2028&version=ESV#fen-ESV-24211b)***] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.***

How did the early church understand this mandate to go into all the world and make disciples of all the nations and baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to “obey” all that I have commanded you.

Luke 9:1-2; 6

***And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, 2and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.***

***And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.***

**Jesus commanded them to:**

* He gave them power and authority over diseases and the demonic.
* He told them to proclaim the kingdom of God – Preach/Evangelize
* He told them the heal the sick and cure diseases
* They were to cast out the demonic
* He told them to declare that this was the Kingdom of God

Acts 1:8

***So, when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”***

The disciples were told to wait and receive power and then carry the message into the ends of the earth.

Acts 2: 38

***And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.***

***42And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43And awe[***[***d***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%202&version=ESV#fen-ESV-26981d)***] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.***

On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples

* Peter preached
* People repented
* People received the Holy Spirit and infilling of the Holy Spirit
* 3000 people joined the church
* The continued in the Apostles teaching, breaking of bread, fellowship and prayer
* Signs and wonders (miracles) were manifested by the apostles.

The Book of Acts chronicles the spread of Christianity from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and into the world.

**The Four Components of the Great Commission**

1. **Evangelize**

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1. **Make Disciple**

All Christians must be discipled and taught the faith. They must be taught the basic truths of Christianity and have their mind’s renewed according to the Word of God. This requires study, practice, learning, and doing. It is a “pro active” responsibility of those who come to faith in Jesus Christ. These are the basics that every Christian should ultimately know:

**Basic Christian Dogma’s (Nicene Creed)**

* The Holy Trinity
* Jesus as Coeternal with the Father
* Virgin Birth
* Jesus’ Redemptive act in History
* Jesus’ death, burial and bodily resurrection
* Jesus’ place at the Fathers right hand (mediator and intercessor)
* His coming again to Judge the living and the dead
* The role and work of the Holy Spirit – author and giver of life
* The role of Baptism and forgiveness of sin.
* The one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
* Eternal life for all those who believe

**Basic Christian Doctrine’s and Practices**

* ***Salvation*** – coming to faith in Jesus – new birth into the family of God.
* ***Baptism*** – outward sign of initiation into the faith and family of God.
* ***Holy Communion*** - memorial meal and spiritual food.
* ***Holy Spirit***- fruits of; gifts of; work of, infilling by, etc.
* ***Atonement*** – substitutionary sacrifice of Christ to make us one with God.
* ***Righteousness*** – made right with God through Jesus Christ.
* ***Sanctification*** – set apart for that which is holy and used of God.
* ***Justification*** – just as if you never sinned – your sin is forgotten by God and not remembered.
* ***Body of Christ***- the total body of believers, past, present and future.
* ***Fruits of the Spirit*** – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and gentleness.
* ***Gifts of the Spirit*** - scripture mentions about 25 different gifts.
* ***Prayer*** – talking with God effectively and listening to his answers.
* ***Stewardship*** (giving) – understanding the tithe and biblical instruction.
* ***Lay ministry***- all given a gift for the common good.
* ***Bible Study*** – required of every child of God for training and discipleship.
* ***Worship*** – Christian duty and joy.
* ***Forgiveness***- given to all who repent and choose Jesus as savior.
* ***Satan*** – fallen archangel corrupting and destroying the creatures of God.
* ***Hell***- place of eternal torment for all who reject God’s gift of salvation in Jesus.
* ***Demons*** – fallen spirits under Satan’s control.
* ***Spiritual Warfare*** – the unseen battle around us.
* ***Healing*** – physical, emotional (inner) and spiritual.
* ***Deliverance*** – God’s power over evil spirits to free us from their torment.
* ***Eternal life*** – God’s gift to all believers
* ***Heaven*** – eternal dwelling place of God, his saints and angelic beings.
* ***Angels*** – messengers that serve God and his saints.
* ***Sin*** – missing the mark – that which separates us from God.
* ***Eternal Judgment*** – for all those who reject Jesus.
* ***2nd Coming of Christ*** – the end of this age. His triumphal return for his Church.
* ***Antichrist*** – a spirit working through a person that imitates Jesus and leads the world astray.
* ***Tribulation*** – a period of 7 years prior to the return of Christ.
* ***Holy Scripture*** – 66 books of the bible – 39 OT; 27 NT; divinely inspired and completely accurate in all it contains. The source and basis of our faith and doctrine.
* ***Human Sexuality*** – Only one expression blessed by God – Man and Woman in Holy Matrimony.
* ***Moral and Ethical Standards*** – golden rule; 10 commandments; Summary of the Law; Biblical standards.
* ***Sanctity of Human Life*** – made in God’s image, unique and of infinite worth and value to God.
* ***Free Will and Original Sin*** – the ability to make choices freely and the blessing or consequences of those choices.
* ***Sovereignty of God*** – His absolute control over all events in time and history for his purposes. Always just and completely consistent with his character.
* ***Temptation*** – that which draws us away from God and leads to sin.
* ***10 Commandments*** – the basis of all law and governance in the earth.
* ***Summary of the Law*** – love God, neighbor, self.
* ***Golden Rule*** – do to others as you want done to you.

1. **Healing**

Isaiah 53

Isaiah 61

Matthew 8: 16-17

1 Peter 2:24

John 14:12

James 5;14-16

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Mark 16: 16 – 20

And he said to them, “**Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel** to the whole creation. **16**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. **17**And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; **18**they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

**19**So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. **20**And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

**4, Casting Out Demons**

* Ephesians 6: 12
* 1 John 3:8 The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.
* Luke 9:1
* Luke 10:9, 17-19