



“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 of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”

Jesus' last recorded words to His disciples on earth are contained in today's verses. They are both profound and significant. The final subject that Jesus addressed to these men was on discipleship. This is what it means to be a Christian, to be a believer. The Christian is a disciple. The believer is a disciple.

- There is only one imperative or command in this passage. It is the phrase, *make disciples*.
- Contained in this passage are three participles: *going*, *baptizing*, and *teaching*.

This passage outlines the confession of disciples. Every disciples not only agrees with these confessions and lives out these confessions.

1A. I will surrender to the authority of Christ (28:18)

2A. I will follow the command of Christ (28:19)

1B. Jesus' command to be going

2B. Jesus' command to baptizing

3B. Jesus' command to teaching

3A. I will trust in the presence of Christ (28:20)

As we go and make disciples, we have the power of Christ with us and in us. The purpose of Christ's power and presence is in order for us to be witnesses (Acts 1:8). Our witness includes sharing the gospel and showing the gospel.

Recommended Reading

The Radical Disciple by John R. Stott

Follow Me by David Platt

The Lost Art of Disciple Making by LeRoy Eims

Discipling by Mark Dever

The Trellis and the Vine by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne

The Training of the Twelve by A.B. Bruce