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The Good News!

Truth About God: Jesus commissioned His disciples to take the gospel everywhere to everyone.

Truth For My Life: I will proclaim the gospel to everyone I can.

Lesson Text: Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-8

Key Passage: Matthew 28:19-20 - ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Jesus didn't just tell the disciples about the gospel; He was the gospel. He was the living embodiment of good news. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, the conqueror of sin and death, the source of eternal life. Jesus commissioned His disciples to preach this glorious gospel to the nations. The good news is both personal and missional—personal because Jesus has saved us, and missional because we must share this abundantly good news with others. The same love that drew us out of darkness now drives us into a broken world as messengers of hope.

The disciples' purpose was to preach the gospel to every creature. Perhaps one of the greatest surprises for His Jewish hearers was Jesus' call to preach the gospel to every creature: sharing the message of salvation with all people without distinction. The disciples knew Jesus had come to give good news to the Jews, but Jesus called them to go into all the world. This reflects God's desire to save all humanity, no matter where we come from. The gospel crosses every cultural and social and language boundary.

When we read the Scriptures, we read of God's covenant with Abraham to bless "*all families of the earth*" (Genesis 12:3). God's covenant invitation to the Canaanite Rahab and the Moabite Ruth, and Jonah's mission to call Nineveh to repentance displayed God's mercy to all nations, calling us also to "*teach all nations*" (Matthew 28:19).

This Great Commission addresses the universality of sin—"For all have sinned" (Romans 3:23)—and the universality of the invitation to salvation—"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). The gospel is not a private belief or a personal comfort; it is a public declaration of victory through Jesus Christ. Now that we are empowered by the Holy Ghost, we are called to proclaim this message boldly just as the early church did.

To preach to every creature is to see everyone as loved by God, no matter how far a person may seem from Him. Each conversation, each act of kindness, and each word of truth becomes a seed planted in eternal soil. **Preaching the gospel to every creature is not only a command; it is a divine privilege, entrusted to everyone redeemed by God's grace.**

Twice in one commission, Jesus called us to teach. Teaching often refers to nurturing spiritual growth—helping disciples grow in the faith and walk in a way that honors God. Teaching also builds upon preaching, turning converts into devoted followers who live out Jesus' commands. Ultimately, the command to teach all nations unites the church's mission across time and culture.

Jesus identified one name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Obviously, those designations are not names, but titles or roles that describe the one God who reveals Himself in different ways. The apostles who understood and obeyed Jesus' command consistently baptized "**in the name of Jesus Christ**" (Acts 2:28; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5). The disciples obeyed Matthew 28:19—by invoking the singular name that embodies "**all the fulness of the Godhead bodily**": the name of Jesus Christ. Baptism is more than a ritual—it is a response of faith, a burial of our old life, and a joyful identification with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4). Through baptism, Jesus washes our sins away.

Thank God He has saved us, but He saved us and filled us with His Spirit so we will be witnesses unto Him. It is not enough for us to hear and believe the gospel; we are called as His church to faithfully share the good news with others. We must rely on the Holy Ghost for boldness and guidance, trusting that He will lead us to hungry people and help us know what to say to reach them.