

The Great Commission

Introduction:

- A. Tell about condition of Nigeria. What is their greatest need?
- B. The Great Commission is the divine outline of the mission of the Lord's church. - Mark 16:14-20
- C. What is the mission of the church of Christ?

I. Authority Which Dictates - Matthew 28:18; John 12:48

- A. The Great Commission was primarily directed to the apostles. - Mark 16:14-15
- B. But it secondarily applies to all Christians. - Matthew 28:19-20

II. Need Which Compels - Mark 16:16

- A. One cannot be saved unless he has been lost. - e.g., drowning man; Romans 3:23; 6:23
- B. The gospel alone can save the lost. - Romans 1:16

III. Love That Directs

- A. The Limited Commission was to the Jews only. - Matthew 10:5-7
- B. But our love must be for all. - Matthew 5:43-48
- C. God wants all to be saved. - 1 Timothy 2:3-4
- D. Salvation in Christ is for all. - Acts 10:34-35
- E. The Great Commission is to all. - Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15

IV. Message Proclaimed

- A. Facts to Believe - Luke 24:44-46; Romans 1:4; Mark 16:16
- B. Commands to Obey - Luke 24:47; Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:19-20
- C. Promise to Receive - Mark 16:16; Luke 24:47

V. Promise That Sustains - Matthew 28:20; Mark 16:17-18

- A. The Lord was with them. - Mark 16:19-20
- B. He will be with us. - Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 3:20-21

Conclusion:

- A. The mission of the church is to take the gospel to the world.
- B. The first century church fulfilled the Commission. - Colossians 1:5-6,23
- C. Our generation is now presented with opportunities and resultant responsibilities perhaps never seen since that generation.
- D. What will we do?