

THE GREAT COMMISSION

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There are two commissions mentioned in the gospel. **The Limited Commission**, Matthew 10:5,6. The other is **The Great Commission**, Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15,16; Luke 24:46,47. Let us examine some reasons for the "greatness" of this commission.

Christ's great authority. " ... All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." (Matthew 28:18) Where did Jesus get this great authority? From His Father, 1 Corinthians 15:27, Ephesians 1:22,23.

Great charge. " Go into all the world and teach the gospel to every creature." {Mark 16:15} What charge can be greater than to go and teach the dying sinner the "good news" which can save their soul? Jesus said it was the only way men could learn of Him and be drawn to obey Him, John 6:44,45. Who has been given this great charge? Every person who wears the name of the Christ, 2 Timothy 2:2.

Great message. "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which you are also saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you - unless you believed in vain." {1 Corinthians 15:1,2} This is the only message that has the power to save men from spiritual destruction, Romans 1:16; James 1:21.

Great Promise. " ... And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen." {Matthew 28:20} What greater company could one desire than Jesus the Christ!

Great Beginning. "And repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem." {Luke 24:47} The Lord's church was started on that day in Jerusalem when 3,000 souls obeyed the message of the gospel. From that great start the greatest institution known to mankind was founded. This grand institution was part of God's eternal plan even before the world was created! See why it is great! ***