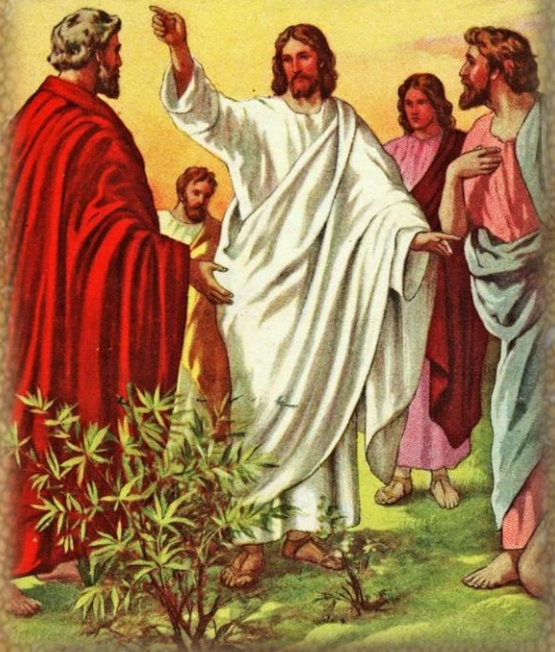


THE GREAT COMMISSION



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Lesson 30

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A Story to Ponder...

A Karen convert in Burma who was taken to America, was asked to address a meeting upon their obligation to send out missionaries. After a moment of thought he asked with a good deal of meaning, "Has not Christ told you to do it?"

"Oh, yes," was the reply, "but we wish you to remind them of their duty."

"Oh, no," said the Karen, "if they will not mind Jesus Christ, they will not mind me."

Now that you are near completion of this Bible study series, you might be wondering what you are to do with what you have learned. What does the Bible say about the mission of the followers of Christ?



Matthew 28:18, 19 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"



The Bible says we are to, Go and _____ all _____,



Mark 16:15, 16 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."



Mark tells us that Jesus said to _____ the _____ to every _____.



There is no person of any age group, or gender, or status in society that this message should be withheld from. Romans 10:12 "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him."



Matthew 5:14, 16 "Ye are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (See also Matt. 5:15, Luke 11:33,35)



Jesus said that we are the _____ of the _____, We are to share the truth, and help those that need help, in such a way that those that see our good works glorify God and not us.



Romans 10:13-15 “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”



The book of Romans reveals the process that must be followed. All that _____ upon the name of the _____ shall be saved. But they need to _____ in order to call on Him. To believe they need to _____. In order to hear they need a _____. And in order for the preacher to preach they must be _____.



Mark 1:1 “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;” **Romans 1:16** “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” (Luke 2:10,11; 2 Cor. 4:4, 2 Tim. 1:10, 2:8)



According to the Scriptures what is the gospel/glad tidings that is to be preached? The story of _____



Matthew 28:20 “Teaching 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.” **1 Peter 1:25** “But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”
Colossians 1:5



What else does the gospel include that is to be taught to all the world?



Besides the obvious meaning of gospel, which includes the plan of salvation, the good news about Jesus birth, life, death, resurrection and mediatorial work, Webster's 1828 Dictionary also defines the gospel as:

1. God's word. 3. Any general doctrine.

Thus the entire Bible must be given to the entire world.



Matthew 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”



What will happen after the gospel is given to the whole world? _____



2 Timothy 4:2 "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." (Is. 50:4)



Paul said to _____ the word; to be; instant in _____ and out of _____



"To be "instant in season" is to be alert to the privileges of the house and hour of worship, and to the times when men are conversing on topics of religion. And to be instant "out of season" is to be ready, when at the fireside, in the field, by the wayside, in the market, to turn the minds of men, in a suitable manner, to the great themes of the Bible..."

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Proverbs 3:27, 28 "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee."

(2 Cor. 6:2)



We are to withhold _____ good when we have the _____ to do it. The word gospel means "a good message" so this verse also tells us that when we know the truth we are obligated to share it with others. This includes sharing the gospel with your friends, relatives, neighbors and other people all over the world.



John 20:21 "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." **John 4:34** "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."



Jesus said He sends us as His Father _____ Him.

This means that in our missionary work we should imitate Christ's methods of evangelism. (Matt. 4:23; Matt. 9:35)

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me."-- Ministry of Healing, p. 143

CONCLUSION

God calls each and every one of His followers

to GO to the world sharing the Good News of salvation as well as all the truths found in the Word of God. They are not to neglect this work, waiting for another time, but are to begin today, seeking to follow and imitate Christ's ways.