

Marching Orders From Jesus

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- 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Jesus Has The Right To Give Orders...

- Jesus has complete and universal authority.
 - Given by the Father. (Dan. 7:13-14; Eph. 1:20-23)
 - Reigns on His throne. (Heb. 1:8; cf. Ps. 47)
 - Proclaimed in the gospel. (Acts 2:33-36)
 - Recognized as Lord. (Matt. 7:21-23; Lk. 6:46)
 - We must respect His authority. (I Pet. 4:11; Gal. 1:6-9; II Jn. 9; Jn. 12:48)

Jesus Commanded Go and Make Disciples Of All Nations

- Teach all nations → “Disciple ye all nations”
 - The religion of Christ is to be spread by disciples making disciples (followers of Christ). Cf. Acts 11:26; cf. v-19)
 - That work was not just for the Apostles. (Acts 8:1-4; 15:35; I Thess. 1:7-8)
 - To disciple a person to Christ is to bring one into the relationship of a pupil to a teacher.
 - This is done by teaching. (Matt. 11:28-29; Jn. 6:44-45; Rom. 10:17)
 - In that we are workers together with God. (I Cor. 3:9; II Cor. 4:7)
 - Our mission is to bring the lost into a saved relationship with Christ. (Lk. 19:10; I Pet. 3:1; Titus 2:10; Acts 8:35; Prov. 11:30)

Jesus Commanded Baptism

- Into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 - Into a spiritual relationship with. (cf. Eph. 2:12-13; II Cor. 13:14)
 - Gal. 3:26-27 → Into Christ.
 - Rom. 6:3 → Into the death of Christ.
 - I Cor. 12:13 → Into the body of Christ.
 - Acts 2:38 → Into a state of forgiveness.

Jesus Commanded The Saved To Continue In His Teaching

- Disciples are to continually be grounded in the truth.
 - Col. 2:6-7 → 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
 - Lk. 8:13 → They on the rock *are they*, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.
- The Bible is complete and completely furnishes us to all good works. (II Tim. 3:16-17)
 - All of God's word is to be taught. (Acts 20:26-27)
 - The early church continued in the apostle's doctrine. (Acts 2:42)

Jesus Promised His Presence To The End of The Age

- Jesus has promised to be with us in our spiritual journey through this world.
 - The beginning and end of the gospel of Matthew.
 - 1:23 → God with us...
 - 28:20 → I am with you always...
 - We are strong by virtue of our spiritual connection with him. (Eph. 6:10; Jn. 15:1-10)
 - Heb. 13:5-6 → *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. (cf. II Tim. 4:17)*