

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

MORNING MESSAGE

“A Great Commission Church”

Matthew 28:18-20

- I. A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH UNDERSTAND HER AUTHORITY (v.18)
 - A. How much authority does Jesus have?
 1. He has authority in heaven
 - a. 1 Peter 3:22, “Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being subject unto him”
 2. He has authority over disease
 - a. Matthew 4:23, “And Jesus went about all Galilee teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease among the people”
 3. He has authority over demons
 - a. Matthew 4:24, “And his fame went throughout Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those that were possessed with devils”
 4. He has authority over death
 - a. John 11:43-44, “And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes”
- II. A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH UNDERTAKES HER ASSIGNMENT (vv.19-20a)
 - A. What is the assignment of the church?
 1. The church is to make disciples (v.19a)
 - a. “Teach all nations” literally means “make disciples”
 2. The church is to mark disciples (v.19b)
 - a. “Baptizing” translates the Greek word “baptizo”, which means to bury or put under
 3. The church is to mature disciples (v.20a)
 - a. “Teaching” means giving instructions
- III. A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH UNLEASHES HER ABILITY (v.20b)
 - A. Jesus told His church how and how long they would perform the mission
 1. The strength of the mission
 - a. “I am with you” means His divine power and presence
 - b. RSV, “I, myself, the divine, resurrected, living, eternal Son of God will be with you”
 2. The length of the mission
 - a. “Unto the end of the world” means until the end of the age; the church age
 - b. This is our mission until Jesus returns