

“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” - 1 Cor 15:58

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“Saved To Serve The Lost Through Evangelism”

In *Matthew 28:19-20*, the Bible reads, ***“Go therefore & make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*** After the resurrection, Jesus addressed the apostles. As recorded in the above verse, Christ instructed them to share His message with the world.

This “Great Commission” may have been given to the apostles directly & specifically, but within this command is the directive to teach all believers to observe this as well. These verses apply to Christians of every generation, including our own. Therefore, the commission is straight-forward. We are told to make disciples of all nations. For us, as His disciples, to refuse any part of this command frustrates the love of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God.

As penitent baptized believers, we are called to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our families, with our neighbors, & with the world. Evangelism is not something that we do for the Lord; it is something that He does through us if we are filled with His Holy Spirit.

Christ told the apostles that He would make them fishers of men. When we allow Christ to reign in our hearts, then we will go & do likewise. To stand in an uncaring world & say, “See, here is the Christ” is a daring act of courage. Reaching out is what we are called to do. I believe every true follower of Christ long to become outreaching. Though unsure about how to do so or the risks involved, deep down we sense that there isn’t anything as rewarding as opening a person up to God’s love & truth. This is what we must do today because tomorrow may indeed be too late.

- *Antoine N. Holloway*