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The Mission of the Church

An Investigation of the Great Commission

Summary

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- I. Christ's Authority: The Ground and Basis of the Commission (28:18)
 - A. The Authority of the Church—Identified by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:13-20)
 - B. The Authority of the Church—Manifested through the Holy Scriptures
 - C. The Authority of the Church—Expressed by the Power of the Holy Spirit
 1. He Separates Sinners to the Church (2 Thess. 2:13-14)
 2. He Ushers Sinners into the Church (Various Passages)
 3. He Matures Believers in the Church (Various Passages)

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- He placed you here to trust in His capacity to accomplish His work through you, not for you to rely upon your own ingenuity or plans.

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- II. Christ's Command: The Commission (28:19-20a)
 - A. The Requirement of the Commission
 1. Its Demand: They Must Go (Ac. 1:8)
 2. Its Basis: Christ's Universal Authority (Col. 1:13-23)
 3. Its Content: Spiritual Apprenticeship (Various Passages)
 - a. Committed to the Person of Christ (Various Passages)
 - b. Totally and Absolutely Obedient to Jesus Christ (Various Passages)
 - c. Obligated to Suffer as He Suffered (Various Passages)
 - B. The Objects of the Commission (Various Passages)
 - C. The Means of Accomplishing the Commission (Various Passages)
 - a. Baptism (Ac. 10:34-48)
 - b. Teaching (Various Passages)

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- He placed you here to win the lost and teach them how to follow Christ in obedience, not to win the lost or teach them how to follow Him in obedience.

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- III. Christ's Promise: The Commitment (28:b-c)

- A. The Basis of Christ's Abiding Presence (Various Passages)
- B. The Requisites of Christ's Abiding Presence (Rom. 8:1-4)
- C. The Results of Christ's Abiding Presence (Various Passages)
 - 1. The Life of Christ (Col. 3:3-4)
 - 2. The Fountain of all Spiritual Virtues (Jn. 1:16)
 - 3. Fellowship with Christ (1 Cor. 1:9)
 - 4. The Mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:15-16)
 - 5. The Power of Christ (Eph. 3:16)
 - 6. Union with the Saints (Jn. 17:20-21)

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- He placed you here to show forth how His abiding presence changes a life as a witness to how others might also come to have their lives altered by Him.