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NEWSLETTER

Taking the Teachings of Jesus to the Nations & Connecting Like-minded Believers



GO TO THE NATIONS TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING...



If our limited time and energy is not spent making disciples that have repented and are baptized, will we be able to stand before Jesus and tell him that we have been a good steward of what we have been given, first, biblical, saving truth, and second, our time and finances?

If we are not teaching people what Jesus taught and if we are not sharing the importance of and calling them to obey everything that he taught and preached, then we are not doing the Great Commission and we are failing to follow Jesus' command, we are failing to be a Christian, a follower of Jesus.

What part of "everything" do we not understand? Which one of Jesus' teachings would he say is acceptable to overlook and not teach?

Scripture tells us that truth saves. If this is so, why do so many people, churches, and ministries, put the truth under a basket hoping people don't see because then they won't grow or they might lose someone?

If truth saves (gives people the opportunity to hear, believe, obey, and be saved), then why do most spend more time and money on filling food shelves and entertainment?

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After receiving all authority from the Father, Jesus's last command to his disciples was a work mandate. It was not only given to those disciples, but to believers of all ages, "to the end of the age." These were his marching orders for the church until he would return.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the holy spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This commission from Jesus is great and it takes sacrifice and a lot of work. We are told to "make disciples," not just have an event, preach something once, go on a short-term mission trip. We were not commissioned to start a ministry with some other purpose, even if it is good. We were not commissioned to hold "community" events around a church building in hope that the "church" would grow. Those things can all be good and a blessing to someone, but they are not what Jesus commissioned his followers to spend their time doing.

MAKE DISCIPLES



It tells us in Acts that when people heard the preaching and teaching, they chose to believe what they heard and were moved to repent, obey, and follow Jesus - to become a "Christian." It says that this is when the church grew.

The church doesn't grow because people are coming just because you are nice, because you feed and help them, or because they like the entertainment. That is not church growth. **The church grows because of the preached word of Christ and because people have accepted it as true and desire to obey and follow him.** In Acts "3000 were added" and the church grew. The church grew because of belief, not because more bodies showed up or came to dinner.

If people do not love the truth so to be saved, as Thessalonians says, then whether they stay or go doesn't matter in the big scheme of things, for eternity.

Our goals, "marketing," and investments of our time, energy, and finances, must be aligned with the great commission that Jesus gave us, or they are in vain.

When we have been faithful to Jesus' marching orders, then the church will grow; but, he warned us, there will be few. Few people will want to hear, and even fewer will be willing to obey and follow him and his commands. Those that do, we must continue teaching what Jesus taught to strengthen them in their faith, and we must encourage

Make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded!

them to endure. The church must feed and protect the sheep in the fold, not just focused on filling more pew space.

It doesn't matter if the ministry is a church, "para-church," conference, or missions society or agency. Our focus should be on obeying Christ's last words to his people.

We cannot be so consumed with looking like others. We must look and sound like Jesus! We do not need more education, especially from trinitarian institutions; what we need is more experience in actually doing what Jesus told us to do! That is how Jesus' disciples grew in faith and service, and that is how we will too.

If we would look at church and missions more like a business, we would have better ROI (return on investment). If we would listen to our CEO and evaluate from time to time if we are meeting his goals rather than our own agenda, we would be much better stewards with what he has given us. We cannot control the outcome, but we can control what we do.

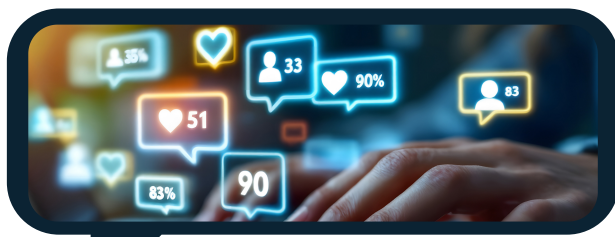
Will we hear, "Well done good and faithful servant" when Jesus returns, or will he be asking for an account of how we used the "talents" that we were given?

We must not compromise and think we are following Jesus if we are not obeying what he commanded his people to do.

There is one faith (the faith of Jesus). There is one hope (the coming Kingdom hope). And, there is one baptism (baptism in water, Acts 2:38; 8:12).

As 1 Peter 3:20-21 says, a few were delivered through water. This prefigured baptism, which now saves you—not the washing off of physical dirt but the pledge of a good conscience to God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Even if we have been baptized, let us pledge daily to follow our Commander in Chief by following his final and great commission!



Correspondence

"Amen Tracy , I cannot wait for that glorious day to come! Blessings" (YT: [Devotions from the Farm - Resurrection Day](#))

"This channel is exactly what I needed I will definitely recommend this." (YT Short -Devotions from the Farm: [Obstacles on Our Path](#))

"Great take on the "no kings protests." I saw one poster held by a protester on the news that said, "Elvis is the only king." He will definitely have a rude awakening when King Jesus returns to rule the world for 1000 years, then all the unbelieving and evil will perish in the lake of fire. When the renewed and perfected earth is ready, the the LORD God, the Almighty and only Creator will come and dwell with the righteous, and the Son of God, Messiah Jesus will hand over the keys to the Kingdom to the Father. There will be no more sin, sorrow, death, pain, sickness or Satan! Now that's a King to obey, honor and praise! Too bad millions don't show up to share about this good news!" (YT Short - "[Devotions from the Farm - No Kings](#)")

"The idea is worth sharing It made my day better." (YT "[Devotions from the Farm - Reflecting Jesus](#)")



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