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Assemblies

Sunday Bible Class 9:30 A.M.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
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Gospel Meeting—October 3-8

Come hear *Lee Forsythe*

Each night the session starts at **7:30 p.m.**

On the Lord's Day sessions are at their regular times

Morning Bible Classes	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00



- Gospel meetings are meeting where the Gospel of Christ is what will be preached.
- The preaching of the Gospel of Christ will be preached in the Spirit of Christ.
- No nightly collections will be taken except on the Lord's Day
- No shouting, no screaming, no theatrics—just preaching the gospel.

Our Gospel Meetings are designed to help the audiences understand the simple teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ because without His teaching nothing in the whole wide world has any real significance.

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The Great Commission

The most important group meeting ever convened took place when Christ gave what we commonly call “the Great Commission” to his disciples. Many important things are associated with mountains in the scriptures, but none anymore important than this event which occurred on a mountain in Galilee. It was here that Jesus said, “All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, 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.” (Matt. 28:19-20).

The “Great Commission” rests on the highest authority there is. The commission is “Great” because of the great authority behind it. This authority resides always in Christ, the Son of God. None of it is delegated or relegated to any other man or group of men. There was no authority given to the apostles--Christ said it has all been given to Him. They were simply ambassadors or messengers obligated to execute His orders. Ever since the time this commission was given, men have sought to do great things (supposedly) for Christ without submitting to this august authority of His. The apostles were not at liberty to preach or teach a single thing on their own. All they did was under His authority. Men today are teaching the church to do lots of things no apostle would have ever dreamed of.

The “Great Commission” is great because it creates the greatest responsibility there is. The duty to teach the lost is the most awe-some responsibility one can imagine. Millions die yearly without having heard the gospel of Christ. The early church took the gospel to the whole creation under heaven by the time Paul wrote the Colossian epistle. (Col. 1:23). Today, there are many who live within walking distance of church buildings, where the gospel-is preached ‘regularly, but who have never heard even.: one word of gospel truth. Responsibility creates accountability. We will give an account to Christ for not discharging our responsibility.

The “Great Commission” is great because of the great scope it embraces. Every teachable being in every nation must be reached. In one lifetime this number may simply stagger the imagination. Try to think of the number of teachable beings in every nation under heaven who have yet to hear the first word from the gospel of Christ. Great indeed is the scope of the commission our Lord gave.

The “Great Commission” is great because of the great truth it delivers. Only the truth makes men free. (John 8:32). Truth comes not in vision, still-small-voices-in-the-night, nor in experiences, it comes through the preaching and teaching of the gospel. Paul expressed it this way to the Colossians. “Because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which is come unto you even as it is also in all the world...” (Col. 1:5-6a) Men and women must be taught that Christ died for their sins, was buried and rose the third day. (I Cor. 15:1-4). No greater truth than this exists.

The “Great Commission” is great because of the great simplicity of its requirements. Jesus gave a threefold procedure. “Go teach... baptize the taught...teach the baptized.” The teaching process is the way disciples were made. The American Standard Version of the Bible

translates it, “Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” Then those disciples were to be baptized in the name of the Father,

Son, and Holy Ghost (Spirit ASV). Baptism is the only command in the sacred text ever to be done in the name of the Godhead. Men minimize it, misrepresent it, abuse it, ignore it, but it is indeed a command associated with the highest and greatest of names.

Someone may wonder, “Does this mean we are to be baptized three times, once-in the name of the Father, second in the name of the Son, and third in the name of the Holy Spirit?” Matthew records our Lord as He said, “And is say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. This does not mean that they would sit once with Abraham, second with Isaac and third with Jacob. There is only one sitting with three persons. There is only one baptism, with three names involved, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The “Great Commission” is handed down to us in this age. Those taught by the apostles, baptized and then taught were taught to do the same thing the apostles were to do. We, who are taught by apostolic teaching must continue to spread the gospel of Christ. The commission is the responsibility of every generation that comes into being since the time Jesus spoke it on that Galilean mountain many years ago. We may have other interests, other pursuits, other things that seem to us to be much more important than this commission but we are deceived if we thus think. May God help us to see the greatness of the “GREAT COMMISSION.”

- DRS

I look upon foreign missionaries as the scaffolding around a rising building. The sooner it can be dispensed with, the better; or rather, the sooner it can be transferred to the other places, to serve the same temporary use, the better. --Hudson Taylor



Many also of them that had believed came, confessing, and declaring their deeds. And not a few of them that practised magical arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all; and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed.—Acts 19:18-20

