

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE GREAT CHURCH

1. The Great Confession (*Matthew 16:13–20*)
2. The Great Communion (*Matthew 26:26–29*)
3. The Great Commandment (*Matthew 22:34–40*)
4. The Great Commission (*Matthew 28:18–20*)
5. The Great Celebration (*Revelation 19:1–10*)

THE GREAT COMMISSION

(Matthew 28:18–20)

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

(Matthew 28:18–20)

1

The Mandate *“Authority”*

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“authority” (exousia) – Power with the Ability to Act

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Authority: Power with the Ability to Act

*“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
He who believes and is baptized will be saved;
but he who does not believe will be condemned.”*

*“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out
demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents;
and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them;
they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”*

(Mark 16:15–18)

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The Mission
“Assignment”

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20a teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.”

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2

The Mission
“Assignment”

19 “Go therefore and *make disciples* of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20a teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.”

“Method”

THE GREAT COMMISSION

(Matthew 28:18–20)

2

The Mission
“Assignment”

19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20a *teaching* them to observe all things that I have commanded you.”

“Message”

THE GREAT COMMISSION

(Matthew 28:18–20)

2

The Mission
“Assignment”

“baptizing”

Identification

“teaching”

Instruction

THE GREAT COMMISSION

(Matthew 28:18–20)

3

The Means
“Abiding-Presence”

20b “And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

(Matthew 28:18–20)

3

The Means
“Abiding-Presence”

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

THE GREAT COMMISSION

(Matthew 28:18–20)

THE MANDATE

“Authority”

THE MISSION

“Assignment”

The Method

The Message

THE MEANS

“Abiding-Presence”

THE GREAT COMMISSION

(Matthew 28:18–20)

*“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and he who wins souls is wise.”*

(Proverbs 11:30)

*“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,
says the Lord of hosts.”*

(Zechariah 4:6)