

## God's Mission for the Church

Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> "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, <sup>20</sup> "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.

### 1. Our Commander

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### 2. His Command

<sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,"

Disciples = learners, followers, ones who first have believed on Jesus  
Becoming a disciple involves 3 steps:

#### a. Believing → Salvation

"make disciples" = what?

Mark 16:15-16 <sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Luke 24:46-47 <sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> "and that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached** in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Rom 10:14-17 <sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And **how shall they hear without a preacher?** <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" <sup>17</sup> So then faith [comes] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Rom 1:16 For **I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes**, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

2 Cor 5:20-21 <sup>20</sup> Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were pleading through us: we implore [you] on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### b. Being Baptized → Identification

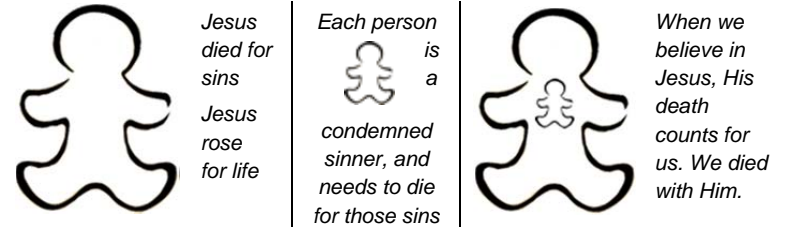
"baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

The meaning of baptize (baptidzo): to immerse, to dip

Why be immersed? What is the point of this step?: **Baptism serves as a public declaration that you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, as the One Who died and rose again for you.**

1 Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

Rom 6:3-4 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.



Baptism, then, is saying by a picture that I died with Jesus, and rose with Jesus, and therefore what Jesus did counts for me. I believe in Jesus as my Savior. It pictures our death, burial, and resurrection with Jesus.

Broken Baptist Belief: It is often taught in churches that you must be baptized in order to become part of a church. In reality, if you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, you are to be baptized and join with a local assembly because you ARE part of the body of Christ.

### c. Behaving → Sanctification

"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you"

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

2 Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Pet 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

### 3. His Promise

I am with you always, [even] to the end of the age.