

The Great Commission

Times Five (+ 1)

	Matthew 28:18-20	Mark 16:15-16	Luke 24:45-49	John 21:15-17	Acts 1:8
PARTICIPATION	The eleven disciples (16)*	The eleven (14)*	The eleven* and those gathered together (33)	Simon Peter (15,16,17)	To the apostles* whom He had chosen (2)
AUTHORIZATION	All authority is given to me in heaven and in earth, go therefore... (18)		In His name (47)		
ENABLEMENT			Promise → Power (49)		Holy Spirit → Power (8)
COMMAND	Make disciples (19)	Preach & baptize (15-16)	Preach (47)	Feed / Tend [<i>believers</i>]	Be witnesses (8)
SATURATION	Of all the nations (19) [<i>and then believers</i>]	All the world; Every creature (15)	To all nations, beginning at Jerusalem (47)	Jesus' lambs (15) Jesus' sheep (16,17)	In Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (8)
INFORMATION	All things Jesus has commanded us (20)	The gospel (15)	Repentance and remissions of sins (15)	[Food]	To Me (8)
IDENTIFICATION	Baptizing them	He who believes and is baptized shall be saved (16)		[My sheep]	
INSTRUCTION	Teaching them (19)			Feed (15,17)	
COMPLETION	To observe all things that I have commanded you (20)			Tend (16)	
PROGRESSION	[Believe] → Baptize → Observe (18-20)	[Believe] → Baptize		Lambs → Sheep	
ENCOURAGEMENT	I am with you always (20)				
CONTINUATION <i>(INDICATED BY TIME, GEOGRAPHY, OR PEOPLE)</i>	PEOPLE: All nations TIME: And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.	GEOGRAPHY: All the world. PEOPLE: Every creature.	PEOPLE: To all nations.	PEOPLE: [As long as lambs and sheep exist.]	GEOGRAPHY: To the end of the earth.

*[Apostles = Representation and foundation of The Church – Ephesians 2:20]

The Five Key References to the Great Commission (and a Sixth to Paul)

Matthew 28:16-20	Mark 16:14-16	Luke 24:46-49	John 21:15-17	Acts 1:6-9
<p>¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.</p> <p>¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.</p> <p>¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.</p> <p>¹⁹ "Go therefore¹ and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,</p> <p>²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, <i>even</i> to the end of the age." Amen¹.</p>	<p>¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.</p> <p>¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.</p> <p>¹⁶ "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.</p>	<p>⁴⁶ Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise¹ from the dead the third day,</p> <p>⁴⁷ "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.</p> <p>⁴⁸ "And you are witnesses of these things.</p> <p>⁴⁹ "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."</p>	<p>¹⁵ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, <i>son</i> of Jonah¹, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."</p> <p>¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, "Simon, <i>son</i> of Jonah¹, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."</p> <p>¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, <i>son</i> of Jonah¹, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.</p>	<p>⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"</p> <p>⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.</p> <p>⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me¹ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."</p> <p>⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.</p>

Acts 26:12-23 "While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, ¹³ "at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. ¹⁴ "And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? *It is* hard for you to kick against the goads.' ¹⁵ "So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶ `But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. ¹⁷ `I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸ **to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.** ¹⁹ "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, ²⁰ "but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and *then* to the Gentiles, **that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.** ²¹ "For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill *me*. ²² "Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come—²³ "that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the *Jewish* people and to the Gentiles."