

An Offer We Cannot Refuse

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

1. THE POWER THAT ENABLES US TO GO!

v. 18b-19a "...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go..."

- Because Jesus has all authority and power, He transfers it to us.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...

- We don't go on our own accord, we are sent.
- When we go with the power of God, the message cannot be stopped.

2. THE PERSON THAT EXHORTS US TO GO!

v. 18a "Then Jesus came to them and said..."

- Jesus is the one who saves us, sanctifies us and sends us.
- Jesus never sends us where He has not already been.
- Jesus never sends us where He is not willing to go.

3. THE PLACE THAT WE'RE EXPECTED TO GO!

v. 19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

- Our assignment includes every nation, ethnic group and culture.
- Jesus prioritized the order in which we should go.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- We can operate in all areas simultaneously if we cooperate together.

4. THE PURPOSE THAT EMPLOYS US TO GO!

v. 19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Our purpose in going is to make disciples.
- In making disciples, we enfold them into the fellowship.
- Genuine disciples are taught to obey the commands of God.

5. THE PROMISE THAT ENCOURAGES US TO GO!

v. 20b "...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Jesus came to earth as Immanuel or God With Us and He leaves with the promise that He will be with us.
- We do not have to take the gospel to the world alone.
- Jesus promises to never leave us.

We all have been given an assignment; we are to take the gospel to the entire world! Jesus gives us the power, the plan and His presence to accomplish the task of building the Kingdom of God.