



## Topic – The Great Commission

### Introduction

Today I want to speak to you about the great commission, when Jesus Christ after His Resurrection commanded all of us to go out to tell the lost about Him and His saving grace.

Please turn in your Bible to a passage in the Bible called the Great Commission, please turn to, **Matthew 28:18-20** *<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.<sup>19</sup> 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,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

So let us take a look at the Great commission, these are also some of the last Words Jesus Christ spoke before ascending into Heaven. So they are very important!

### All Authority

The first thing that Jesus tells us that every authority, power, all demonic realms, everything is under the foot of Jesus Christ. He is all powerful over Satan, every principality, every demonic power, everything is subjected under Jesus Christ and thus He has all power over everything in this Universe!

And you know what? He, Jesus Christ, has given us Christian to power, the authority to use His Name to defeat the forces of darkness in our lives and the lives of others!

**Philippians 2:10** says *<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

So under the Jesus Christ God has put all things – Nothing is left out ALL things, sickness, disease, poverty, Satan and demons and everything in under your feet in the Name of Jesus Christ.



Just do not forget that this power is only for those who are in SUBMISSION to God! If you follow your own ideas or try and do things your own way the Power of the Name of Jesus has no place in you because **James 4:6-10** *<sup>6</sup>That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."*

So to have the Power God, through Jesus has given us, we need to SUBMIT to God way of doing things, for His Kingdom!

### **We have been called**

Next I want you to understand that these are not the words of your mother or father, a friend, a politician, a famous person or super star – these are the Words of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who is part of the Godly Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is GOD speaking to you and me!!!

You, and you and yes even you have been charged by Almighty God, with a specific calling in Christ to take the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world! That is your neighbour, your friend, that stranger down the street, those family members and others in other town's provinces or countries. We have been called to reach them!

In fact, it is true to say that this is not just any person calling you to service but a direct command or direct order from our Commander in chief – Jesus Christ Himself! He is the I AM, He is the Son of God, He is GOD! God is calling you! Will you take the step and say, Yes Lord I will go!

Now there might not be many here who have served in the military of a country, and I have and so I can assure you that if you are given an order by a superior person of rank in the military you do it. Especially a



direct order, in other words an Order that your superior offices is giving to you alone to do!

Failing to do so, failing to actually go and do what the office said, would mean either you are forced to do extra duties, run around fetching things, doing push ups or some form of punishment.

It also depends what the order was, and who gave the order and if anyone person was injured or died as a result of you disobeying the order! For this disobedience you will be court marshalled and if found guilty you will serve time in jail.

But if your commander in chief gave you a direct order, there is a totally different perspective, when he gives an order it must be done right away without thinking because your life or the lives of other are in danger.

It does not matter if you believe it is right or whether you think it is good idea, you must do it!

Disobeying such an order will mean certain death by firing squad, hanging or a length jail term.

So Now here we have, our Commander in Chief, God, the supreme being of the Universe, the most powerful force, or being in the Universe, and He is giving you and me, a direct order to go out and preach the Gospel to others around you, do you for one moment think you will be found not guilty of a person's soul if you do not go?

I was so challenged by the testimony of Gordon Robinson, who had a desire to preach the Gospel in India but never went. One night he had a dream of heaven. It was so nice and beautiful and everything was so amazing. Then he looked over a vast abyss and on the other side were people standing on the edge of Hell and saying to him, "if you had come to India and preach, I would have heard the message and I would have



given my heart to Jesus and would not have to go into a Christ less eternity”

This touched me so much, how many people are in hell today because you, and I never told them about Jesus? They were around us every day, our wives, husbands, children, our neighbours, our friends, our families, those people we do not know!

How many of them are in hell right now, because we did not tell them? We did not want to offend them! We did not want to tell them about Christ! We did not lived a Christ filled life, we were no example of Jesus to them so they never wanted to come to Christ!

How many? Do you think Jesus Christ is happy with us? Do you think He will want us to ignore His calling?

## **GO!**

You see many of us do not want to go. We make excuses, Lord I am too poor. I do not have money. I am not a preacher, I am too fat, I am too young / too old! Whatever you excuses it is not what Jesus told us, commanded us to do – The command is GO!

If you are not going, if you are not doing what He said, then you are disobeying a direct order from our Commander in Chief and there will be consequences!

## **Where must we go?**

According to ACTS 1:8 *“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.”*

So the quest you might have is okay pastor, I know I am called, I know that I have been commanded by Jesus Christ to go, and I am ready to Go but where do I go?



Must I go to Israel so that I can go to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria?

No, no, and once again No. Jesus used these towns, cities or areas as examples.

### **Jerusalem**

Jerusalem refers to your local area, so this is Mzimba and the surrounding villages and towns around this local area as well as your province, the Northern Province of Malawi.

God is calling you to go to your own household, your family, friends and work colleagues, and your neighbours and the surrounding areas in your province and country.

### **Judea**

Next is Judea, this is basically this is the country where you stay. These are other areas in Malawi like Blantyre, Mchinji, Bua, Kasungu etc.

### **Samaria**

That is the rest of Africa and the World!

So God wants you to start with the people around you, then to reach people in other areas and eventually other countries. He wants you to take the message of John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that who so ever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life!

### **The Good News**

That is the Good News of the Gospel of Christ, that you do not have to die in your sins and go to hell and be separated from God, but that God has made a way, the only way through Jesus Christ so that you and everyone else can go to heaven and live with God forever!

You see every person has to hear that they have a choice and with that choice they can receive God way through asking Jesus Christ to come



into their lives or they can reject God's way – try their own ways but the end of that way of life or even not choosing will result in eternal separation from God in a place called Hell.

According to **Matthew 25:41**, Hell was never created for mankind, hell was created for the devil and his angels! So if you end up in hell it is by your own actions and choices, not God sending you there.

God never intended you or anyone you know or do not know to ever go there. No human that has ever lived deserves to go to hell because Christ Jesus has already paid the price so that everyone can go to heaven but we each need to choose, Life or Death, Heaven or Hell, Choose Jesus or Reject Jesus – As I said before not choosing is just as good as rejecting Jesus Christ!

## Closing

I have only scratched the surface of the Great commission, but what I have shared is the basics of what Jesus has called us to do!

If you are born again, if you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, the next thing is to start, TODAY, to start reaching out to those around you.

There are millions of people who would of accepted Jesus Chris if they hear you tell them about Jesus! Please do not leave here and do nothing because God will hold you accountable for those you did not tell.

Go out into your area, start at home – tell your mom / day/ brother or sister about Jesus Christ and His invitation to them to come to Him for Salvation and become His Child by being born again!

Lastly, there might be people right here today! You have hear my message and you know you need Jesus.



My question to you is, if you died right now where will you spend eternity?

What would you say to God? I was a good person, I went to church, and I never stole. What will you say? The only way to God is through His Son – Jesus Christ!

## **Pray**

Let's close our eyes:

If you are not sure if you are going to heaven, if you do not know what you will say, if you do not know, if your sins are not forgiven, then make sure today.

Jesus Christ came to earth so you do not have to go to hell! Jesus Christ made a way for you to come to God. He paid the price for all your sins, past present and future to be forgiven.

God is so Holy, that even one sin will keep you out of His presence. Only Jesus can wash away all your sins and make you right before God.

Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to God, there is no other way. Going to church does not make you a Christian as sleeping in hospital makes you a doctor or sleeping in a garage does not make you a car!

Being good is not good enough because you still have your sins and your sins separate you from God! The Bible says in Roman 6:23 – we have all sinned – we are all sinners. We need a Saviour because without Him our sins will take us to a Christ less eternity in Hell!

And the only way to God, is Jesus – there is no other way, not other name, no other person or god that will give you eternal life and a place in heaven – only Jesus Christ.



I am not saying this myself but Jesus said this in **John 14:6**, That He is the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father but through Him!

We are all going to live forever, we were made an eternal being. You get to choose tonight, Gods way which is through Jesus Christ who paid for all you sins and which leads to eternal life or reject God's way and die in your sins and be forever separated from God in place called Hell!

You get to choose tonight –Heaven or Hell!

So tonight what will your answer be, will you choose Jesus or reject Him.

If you choose Jesus Christ, if you want to asked Jesus Christ to come live inside you and forgive you of ALL your sins, so that you are acceptable to God and you can have eternal life!

Then please put up your hand!