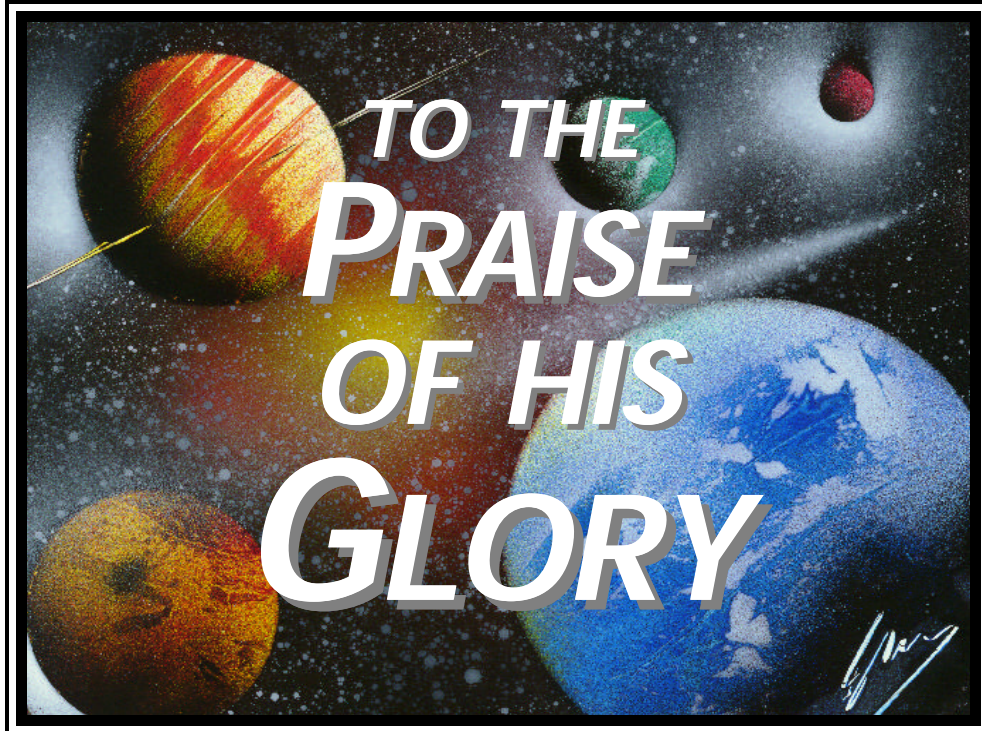


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✓ I understand this verse.

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Study Overview

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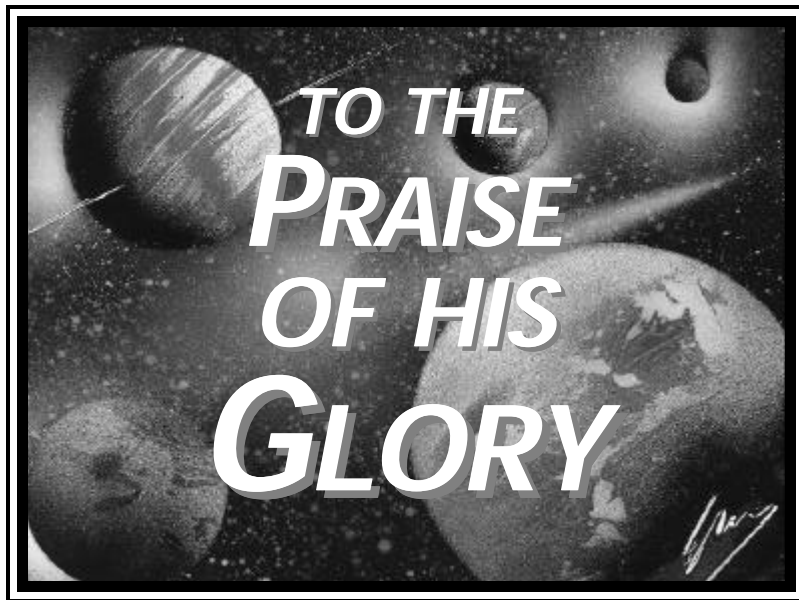
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- ___ 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ,
- ___ 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him in love,
- ___ 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
- ___ 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.
- ___ 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace
- ___ 8 which He lavished upon us in all wisdom and understanding,
- ___ 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,
- ___ 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things, both which are in heaven and which are on earth, under one head, even Christ.
- ___ 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,
- ___ 12 that we, having first trusted in Christ should live to the praise of His glory.
- ___ 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,
- ___ 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

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Psalm 19:1-3

The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.
Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.

Psalm 97:6

The heavens declare His righteousness,
And all the peoples see His glory.

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"TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE"

1. This course concerns itself, not with World Evangelism _____, but with World Evangelism _____.
2. We need to see every local church as a _____.

Acts 13:1-3

- 1 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
 - 2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
 - 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.
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3. Our text for this lesson contains _____ key sentences.
 4. The FIRST "key" sentence, verses 3 through 6, describes:
 - How we are _____ in His kingdom as sons (vs. 5), and
 - How He made us _____ in the Son of His love (vs. 6).

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Ephesians 1:3-6

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,
5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.
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Word Study

adoption – huiothesia {hwee-oth-es-ee'-ah} – from the Greek roots huios {hwee-os'} which means “child, foal, or son,” and tithemi {tith'-ay-mee} which means “to place.” Thus huiothesia means “the placing as a son.” It does not mean “adoption” in the common

sense as we use the word today. Rather it refers to the “placing” of a Hebrew male child in his rightful position as a member of the adult community, usually at the age of 13 years. This custom is still practiced by modern Jews and is know as “bar mitzvah.”

5. We refer to this manifestation of His grace as _____.
6. Note the key phrase: _____.
7. Verses 7 through 10 is a “summary” sentence that describes the totality of God’s work of grace in our lives from _____ to _____.

Ephesians 1:7-10

- 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace
8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,
9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,
10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; in Him.
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8. The SECOND “key” sentence, verses 11 and 12, describes:
- Our _____ which is realizing God’s purpose for our lives, and
 - How He works His purpose “according to the _____ of His will.”

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Ephesians 1:11-12

11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,
12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

9. This on-going manifestation of God's grace in our lives, that is, the process by which we move into God's full purpose, is called _____.
10. Note the key phrase: _____.
11. The THIRD "key" sentence, verses 13 and 14, refers to:
- The " _____ Holy Spirit,"
 - Who is the " _____ of our inheritance,"
 - Until God's grace culminates in the "redemption of the _____."

Ephesians 1:13-14

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,
14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

12. This ultimate manifestation of God's grace is called _____.
13. Note once again the key phrase: _____.

PRAISE AND GLORY – WHAT'S THAT!?!

1. The Greek word epainos (translated "praise") means to tell a _____ that _____ another person.
2. The Greek word doxa (translated "glory") means _____, _____, _____, or _____.
3. The Hebrew word kabowd (translated "glory") means something _____ or _____.
4. To give glory to God means to conduct ourselves in such a way that others can see His true _____ or _____.

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Word Study

praise – epainos {ep'-ah-ee-nos} – from the Greek roots epi {ep-ee'} which can mean “toward,” and ainos {ah'ee-nos} which means “a story.” Thus epainos literally means “a story told toward or for the commendation of another.” This we commonly refer to as “praise.”

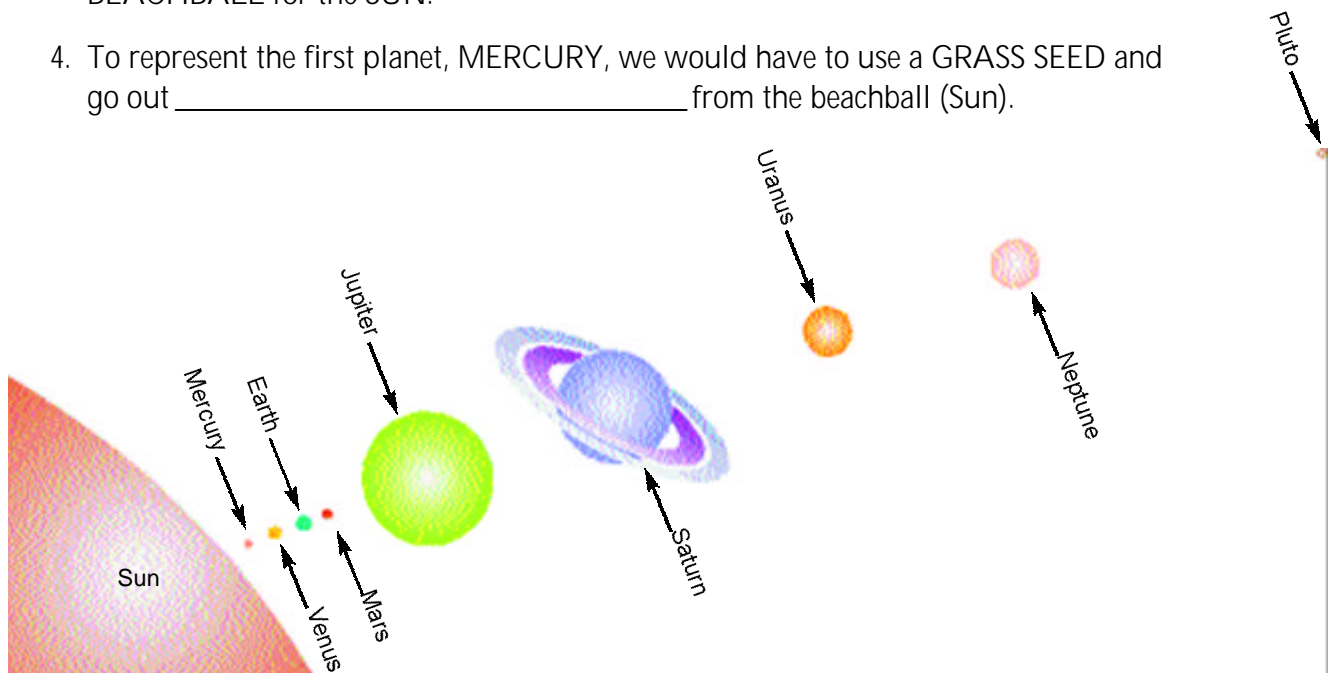
glory – doxa {dox'-ah} – A common Greek word meaning “dignity, honor, praise, or worship.” Many common Greek words must be under-

stood in the light of their Hebrew equivalents because the Hebrew writers of the New Testament, although writing in Greek, were speaking out of the context of their religiously richer Hebrew heritage. Thus doxa should be considered as the equivalent of the Hebrew word kabowd {kaw-bode'} which means something “heavy or weighty.” Thus glory means “that which has value or worth.”

5. Our greatest concern should be _____ for the praise of His glory!

SOME ELEMENTARY ASTRONOMY

1. Our planet's circumference is about _____ miles/kilometers.
2. Earth is only a modest member of our solar system. There are other planets as much as _____ times the size of Earth.
3. If we construct a model of the Solar System large enough for the smallest planet, Pluto, to show up at all, we would need to use a _____ BEACHBALL for the SUN.
4. To represent the first planet, MERCURY, we would have to use a GRASS SEED and go out _____ from the beachball (Sun).



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5. To represent the SECOND planet, VENUS, we would have to use a SPLIT SHOT and go out another _____ from the beachball (Sun).
6. To represent the THIRD planet, EARTH, we would have to use another SPLIT SHOT and go out another _____ from the beachball (Sun).
7. To represent the FOURTH planet, MARS, we would have to use a BB PELLETT and go out another _____ from the beachball (Sun).
8. To represent the FIFTH planet, JUPITER, we would have to use a BASEBALL and go out another _____ from the beachball (Sun).
9. To represent the SIXTH planet, SATURN, we would have to use a TENNIS BALL and go out another _____ from the beachball (Sun).
10. To represent the SEVENTH planet, URANUS, we would have to use a FISHING CORK and go out another _____ from the beachball (Sun).
11. To represent the EIGHTH planet, NEPTUNE, we would have to use another FISHING CORK and go out another _____ from the beachball (Sun).
12. To represent the NINTH and LAST planet, PLUTO, we would have to use a MUSTARD SEED and go out another _____ from the beachball (Sun).
13. The cumulative distance from the BEACHBALL (Sun) to the MUSTARD SEED (Pluto) would be over _____ !
14. In order to get to the next nearest star, Alpha Centauri, we would have to position our next BEACHBALL over _____ away!
17. Earth revolves around a star (the Sun) which is _____ times the size of earth.
18. Our Sun is only a modest member of our Galaxy which is made up of over _____ stars, most of which are giants compared to our Sun.
19. Our Galaxy is almost _____ miles/kilometers across.
20. Light travelling at almost 670 million miles per hour (over 1 billion kilometers per hour) would take _____ to cross our Galaxy.
21. Our Sun travels in an orbit through our Galaxy at about _____ miles/kilometers per second.
22. For the Sun to complete one revolution around the Galaxy takes about _____ years.

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23. Within the optical range of our current telescope technology there are approximately _____ galaxies such as ours.
24. Astronomers estimate that it will take over _____
to map the universe as we know it today.

Isaiah 40:25-26

- 25 "To whom then will you liken Me,
Or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.
- 26 Lift up your eyes on high,
And see who has created these things,
Who brings out their host by number;
He calls them all by name,
By the greatness of His might
And the strength of His power;
Not one is missing.

Charles Misner quoted in
Let the Nations Be Glad
by John Piper

The design of the universe...is very magnificent and shouldn't be taken for granted. In fact, I believe that is why Einstein had so little use for organized religion, although he strikes me as having been a very religious man. He must have looked at what preachers said about God and felt they were blaspheming. He had seen so much more majesty than they had ever imagined, and they were just not talking about the real thing. My guess is that he simply felt that the religions he had encountered did not have proper respect for the Author of the universe!

THE SUPREMACY OF GOD

1. The Church must regain its sense of the supremacy of God not only in _____,
but also in _____.
2. God WAS glorified at _____.

Colossians 2:13-15

- 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

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- 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
 - 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.
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3. God WILL BE glorified in the _____ .

Zechariah 14:9

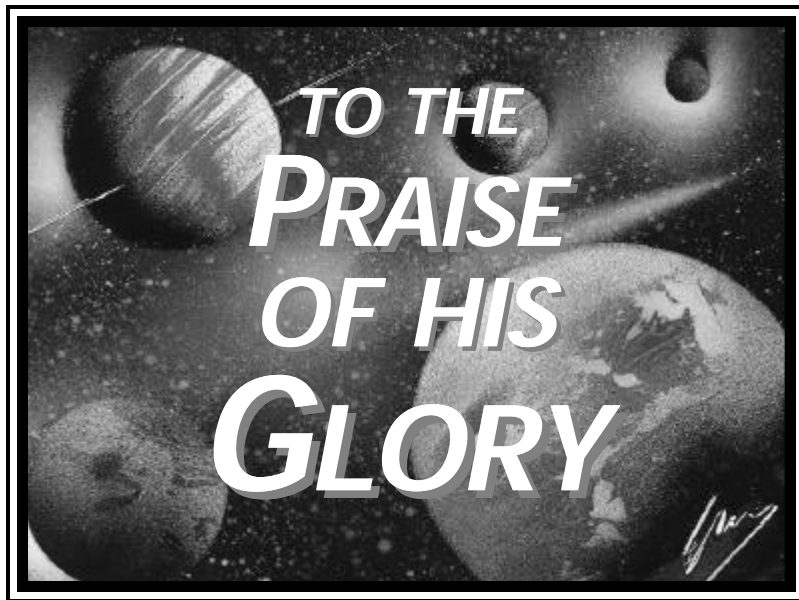
9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth.
In that day it shall be; "The LORD is one,"
And His name one.

4. Most importantly, God must be glorified TODAY in our _____ .

5. We must stop being guilty of _____ God.

6. Jesus must be Lord _____ , or He will not be Lord _____ !

Personal Notes



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1 Peter 2:9-21

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1 Peter 2:9-21

- ___ 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- ___ 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.
- ___ 11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,
- ___ 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.
- ___ 13 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,
- ___ 14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.
- ___ 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men;
- ___ 16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.
- ___ 17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.
- ___ 18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.
- ___ 19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.
- ___ 20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.
- ___ 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.

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Isaiah 43:7

"Everyone who is called by My name,
Whom I have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

Matthew 5:16

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

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GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ISRAEL

1. God _____ Israel for His own glory.

Jeremiah 13:11

11 "For as the sash clings to the waist of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me," says the LORD, "that they may be unto Me for a people, for a name, for praise, and for glory; but they would not hear."

2. God _____ Israel from Egypt for His own glory.

Psalm 106:7-8

7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders;
 They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies,
 But rebelled by the sea; the Red Sea.
 8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake,
 That He might make His mighty power known.

3. God _____ Israel in the wilderness for His own glory.

Ezekiel 20:13-14

13 "Yet the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes; they despised My judgments, 'which, if a man does, he shall live by them';

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and they greatly defiled My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them.

14 "But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles, in whose sight I had brought them out."

4. God _____ Israel with afflictions for His own glory.

Isaiah 48:10-11

10 Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;
I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

11 For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it;
For how should My name be profaned?
And I will not give My glory to another.

5. God _____ Israel from exile for His own glory.

Ezekiel 36:22-24, 32

22 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went.

23 "And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD," says the Lord GOD, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.

24 "For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land."



32 "Not for your sake do I do this," says the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!"

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR THE CHURCH

1. God's purpose for the _____ **NEW** _____ Israel is the same as it was for Israel of old.

1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are
a chosen generation,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
His own special people,

that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Word Study

chosen – eklektos {ek-lek-tos'} – from the Greek roots ek {ek} which means “out or from,” and lego {leg'-o} which means “to ask, bid, or call.” Thus eklektos literally means “to call out.” It is best understood as meaning “chosen or elect.”

generation – genos {ghen'-os} – generation, kindred, offspring, stock.

royal – basileios {bas-il'-i-os} – from the Greek root basis {bas'-ece} which means “foot.” Thus basileios has as its root the notion of a foundation of power. It is best understood as meaning “royal or kingly” in nature.

priesthood – hierateuma {hee-er-at'-yoo-mah} – from the Greek root hieros {hee-er-os'} which means “sacred or holy.” Thus hierateuma means a “sacerdotal order,” that is, “the priestly fraternity.”

holy – hagios {hag'-ee-os} – from the Greek root hagos {hag'-os} which means an “awesome (awesome) thing.” It is similar to the Greek word hagnos {hag-nos'} which means “innocent, modest, perfect, chaste, clean, or pure.” Thus hagios in a physical sense means “pure,” in a moral sense means “blameless,” and in a ceremonial sense means “consecrated.” It is best understood as meaning “holy or saintly.”

nation – ethnos {eth'-nos} – from the Greek root etho {eth'-o} which means “to be used by habit, convention, custom, or manner.” Thus ethnos speaks of a group of people set apart by their culture. It is best understood

as “a nation,” or more particularly, as “a people group.”

special – peripoiesis {per-ee-poy'-ay-sis} – from the Greek roots peri {per-ee'} which means “around,” and poieo {poy-eh'-o} which means “to make or do.” In combination these root words create the verb peripoieomai {per-ee-poy-eh'-om-ahee} which literally means “to make around oneself” and is usually translated as acquire, buy, or purchase. Thus peripoiesis means an acquisition, either the act of acquiring or the thing acquired, that is, a purchased possession. Because the word connotes the desire on the part of the one doing the acquiring, peripoiesis is translated in this passage as “special” or “peculiar.”

people – laos {lah-os'} – a primary word which denotes “people in general” as opposed to demos {day'-mos} which means “the public.” Demos has as its root the Greek verb deo {deh'-o} which means “to bind,” making demos have the connotation of a people bound together socially, that is, by class status. Laos, on the other hand, speaks of a population in which there is no such class discrimination, for example, where there is “neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28).

proclaim – exaggello {ex-ang-el'-lo} – from the Greek roots ek {ek} which means “out or from,” and aggelos {ang'-el-os} which means

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"angel or messenger." Thus exaggello literally means "from an angel." It is best understood as "proclaim, publish, or show forth."

praises – arete {ar-et'-ay} – from the Greek root airo {ah'ee-ro} which means "to lift, raise, bear, or carry.." Airo is also the root of

another Greek word, arrhen {ar'-hrane} which means "male," having the connotation of the gender which is stronger for lifting. Thus arete literally means "manliness" or "valor." It is best understood as "excellence (either intrinsic or attributed), worth, value, praise, or virtue."

2. We were _____ for His glory.

Isaiah 43:7

7 "Everyone who is called by My name,
Whom I have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

3. The first question of the Westminster Catechism:

WHAT IS THE CHIEF END OF MAN?

ANSWER:

The chief end of man is to

God and to

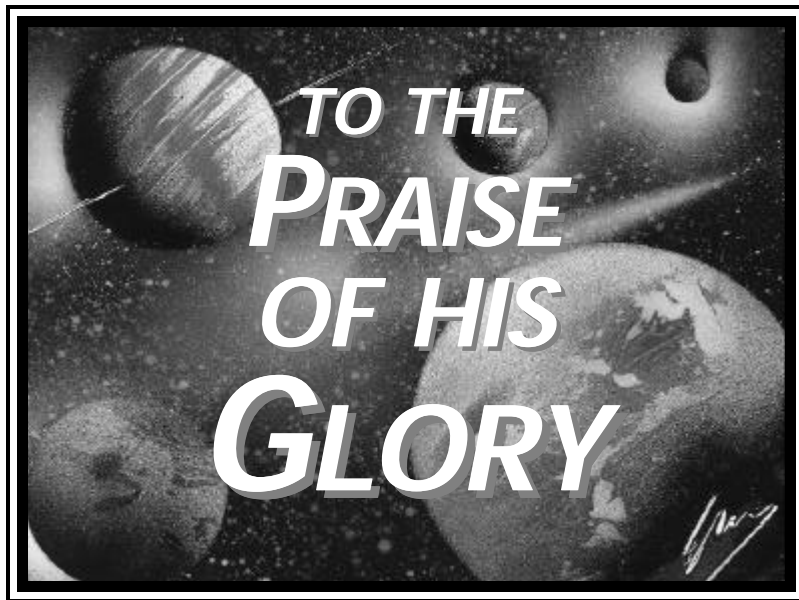
Him forever.

4. Our _____ is to be a reflection of His glory.

Matthew 5:16

16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

5. Our _____ is to be for His glory.



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2 Corinthians 4:1-15

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2 Corinthians 4:1-15

- ___ 1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.
- ___ 2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
- ___ 3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,
- ___ 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.
- ___ 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.
- ___ 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- ___ 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.
- ___ 8 We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;
- ___ 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
- ___ 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.
- ___ 11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.
- ___ 12 So then death is working in us, but life in you.
- ___ 13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,
- ___ 14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.
- ___ 15 For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

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Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD, that is My name;
And My glory I will not give to another,
Nor My praise to carved images.

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GOD'S EXCLUSIVE GLORY

1. God has purposed that He will not **RELINQUISH** His glory.

Isaiah 42:8

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 And My glory I will not give to another,
 Nor My praise to carved images.

Isaiah 48:10-11

10 Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;
 I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.
 11 For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it;
 For how should My name be profaned?
 And I will not give My glory to another.

2. God's Word declares that we are obligated to **GIVE** Him glory.

Psalm 29:1-2

1 Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones,
 Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;
 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3. What is the glory that is due His name? It is worship offered in the **BEAUTY**
OF HOLINESS.

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4. God is looking for a people who will not **ROB** Him of His glory.
5. The human tendency is to be **EGO**-centric, not **THEO**-centric.
6. When the Old Testament Law was given, God referred to it as **MY LAW** (Exodus 16:4).
7. God's Law quickly came to be known as the **LAW OF MOSES** (Joshua 8:31-32).
8. The emphasis was changed from the one who **GAVE** the Law to the one who **RECEIVED** the Law.
9. In the New Testament, God's Law was known as the **LAW OF THE JEWS** (Acts 25:8).
10. We must be careful that we do not **COMMANDEER** the things of God.

IT'S NOT ABOUT US – IT'S ALL ABOUT HIM!

1. Ego-centric religion is **EXCLUSIVE**.
1. Theo-centric religion is **INCLUSIVE**.

John 4:6-9

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

2. Ego-centric religion **SEEKS** a blessing.
2. Theo-centric religion **SEEKS TO BE** a blessing

Genesis 12:1-3

1 Now the LORD had said to Abram:

"Get out of your country,

From your family

And from your father's house,

To a land that I will show you.

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2 I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

3. Ego-centric religion seeks ITS OWN WAY. 3. Theo-centric religion seeks GOD'S WILL.
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Luke 22:41-42

41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed,
42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

4. It's never out of order to pray for THE WILL OF GOD.
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Proverbs 14:12

12 There is a way that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.

5. Ego-centric religion says, "WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?". 5. Theo-centric religion says, "WILL IT BRING GLORY TO GOD?".
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1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

6. We didn't CHOOSE Him; He CHOSE us.

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John 15:16

16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

7. Ego-centric religion presumptuously MAKES ITS PLANS . 7. Theo-centric religion humbly FOLLOWS THE PURPOSES OF GOD .

Proverbs 16:9

9 A man's heart plans his way,
But the LORD directs his steps.

Proverbs 19:21

21 There are many plans in a man's heart,
Nevertheless the Lord's counsel; that will stand.

8. We must learn to refocus our attention away from OUR PLANS to GOD'S PURPOSES .

THE "ELIEZER ANOINTING"

1. God is looking for a people who will put Him FIRST .
2. God is looking for a people who will put their hand to the plow and not LOOK BACK .

Luke 9:62

62 "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

3. God's GLORY must have priority over man's GOOD .

Genesis 15:1-3; 24:1-15

- 1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."
2 But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"



1 Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh,

3 "and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell;

4 "but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

5 And the servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?"

6 But Abraham said to him, "Beware that you do not take my son back there.

7 "The LORD God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.

8 "And if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be released from this oath; only do not take my son back there."

9 So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

10 Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, for all his master's goods were in his hand. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.

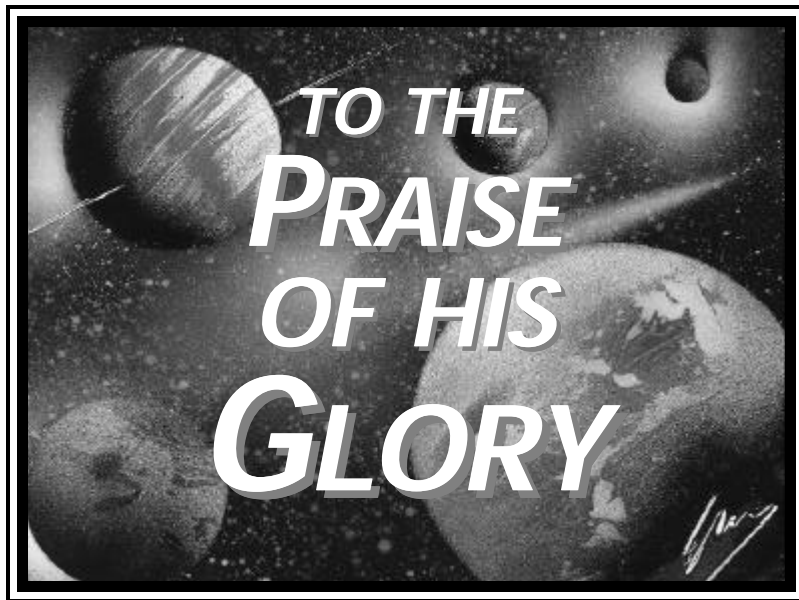
11 And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water.

12 Then he said, "O LORD God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

13 "Behold, here I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water.

14 "Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink'; let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master."

15 And it happened, before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her pitcher on her shoulder.



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Romans 8:16-31

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Romans 8:16-31

- ___16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- ___17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.
- ___18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- ___19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.
- ___20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;
- ___21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
- ___22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.
- ___23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.
- ___24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?
- ___25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.
- ___26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- ___27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
- ___28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.
- ___29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren.
- ___30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.
- ___31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Hide This Away

John 17:22-23

"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."

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I. Seeing His Glory

Exodus 33:18-23; 34:5-8

Nehemiah 9:17

Exodus 20:5-6

John 11:40; 12:37-46

John 1:14; 2:11

2 Corinthians 4:6

II. Partaking of His Glory

John 17:4-5, 10, 22-23

John 12:23-28

John 21:15-19

Romans 8:16-19, 29-31

SEEING HIS GLORY

 Exodus 33:18-23

18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."

21 And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.

22 "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.

23 "Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

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1. Moses asked to see God's **GLORY**.
 2. God responded by showing him His **GOODNESS**.
 3. God also said He would proclaim His **NAME** to Moses.
 4. God said to Moses, "You cannot **SEE MY FACE**."
 5. But He also said, "Here is a **PLACE BY ME**."
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 Exodus 34:5-8

5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

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7 “keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.”

8 So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.

Word Study

merciful – rachuwmm {rakh-oom'} – full of compassion; from the Hebrew word racham {raw-kham'} which is a primary root which means “to fondle” and thus, by implication, “to love.”

gracious – channuwn {khan-noon'} – bestowing favor; from the Hebrew word chanan {khaw-nan'} which literally means “to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior.”

longsuffering – translated from two Hebrew words: 'arek {aw-rake'} and 'aph {af} – 'Aarek means patient, slow to anger; from the Hebrew word 'arak {aw-rak'} which means “to make long; to defer; to draw out; to lengthen; to prolong.” 'Aph denotes the nose or nostril, and has as its root the Hebrew word 'anaph {aw-naf'} which literally means “to breathe hard,” meaning by implication “to be enraged, angry, or displeased.” The word picture is like that of an enraged bull pawing the ground and snorting angrily.

abounding – rab {rab} – abundance in quantity, size, age, number, rank, or quality; exceeding; full; great; from the Hebrew root rabab {raw-bab'} which means “to cast together, that is, to increase or multiply.” Rabab is sometimes translated “ten thousands” as a way to express this super-abundance.

goodness – checed {kheh'-sed} – kindness; good deeds.

truth – 'emeth {eh'-meth} – stability, certainty, trustworthiness, assurance, establishment, faithfulness; from the Hebrew word aman {aw-

man'} a primary root which means “to build up or support; to render firm.”

keeping – natsar {naw-tsar'} – a primary Hebrew root which means “to guard; to protect; to maintain; to watch.” Combined with checed, which comes from the Hebrew word chacad {khaw-sad'}, a primary root which literally means “to bow the head in courtesy to an equal,” the meaning is “covenant keeping.”

forgiving – nasa' {naw-saw'} – a primary Hebrew root which means “to lift up; to carry away.”

iniquity – 'avon {aw-vone'} – perversity; moral evil; fault; from the Hebrew word 'avah {aw-vaw'} a primary root which literally means “to crook.” Thus 'avon denotes the inherent “lawlessness” that is in man.

transgression – pasha' {peh'-shah} – a revolt (can be either national, moral, or religious); from the Hebrew word pasha' {phonetic} a primary root which literally means “to break away.” Thus pasha' denotes “rebellion.”

sin – chatta'ah {khat-taw-aw'} – originally a Chaldean word which means “an offense and the penalty or sacrifice for it”; from the primary root word chata' {khaw-taw'} which literally means “to miss.”

clearing – naqah {naw-kaw'} – a primary root which literally means “to be or make clean” or “to make bare,” both in an adverse sense. The idea is that of shame or embarrassment. The addition of “the guilty” is misleading.

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11. If the **VILLAIN** pays, we call that **JUSTICE**.

12. If the **VICTIM** pays, we call that **FORGIVENESS**.

13. A part of God's glory is the forgiveness of:

- "iniquity" **LAWLESSNESS**
- "transgression" **REBELLION**
- "sin" **MISSING THE MARK**

14. God's forgiveness does not mean that He will leave sin **UNPUNISHED**.

15. The nature of iniquity is that it is a **GENERATIONAL CURSE**.

Exodus 20:5-6

5 For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,
6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

16. The **CURSE** stops at the **CROSS** !

17. Seeing the glory of God is a matter of **FAITH**.

John 11:40

40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

18. Glory-seeing faith is an **ATTITUDE**.

John 12:37-46

37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,
38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?"
39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:
40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes,
Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."
41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.
42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;

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- 43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.
44 Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.
45 "And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.
46 "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."
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19. One purpose of the Incarnation was to allow us to _____ **BEHOLD** _____ the glory of God in human flesh.

John 1:14

- 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 2:11

- 11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.
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20. Jesus fully demonstrated the _____ **SEVEN-FOLD GLORY** _____ of God.

2 Corinthians 4:6

- 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
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PARTAKING OF HIS GLORY

1. We have already seen that God refuses to _____ **RELINQUISH** _____ His glory to another.

Isaiah 42:8

- 8 I am the LORD, that is My name;
And My glory I will not give to another,
Nor My praise to carved images.
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Isaiah 48:10-11

- 10 Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver;
I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.
- 11 For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it;
For how should My name be profaned?
And I will not give My glory to another.
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2. He will, however, _____ **SHARE** _____ His glory.
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John 17:4-5, 9-10, 22-23

- 4 "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.
- 5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."
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- 9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.
- 10 "And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them."
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- 22 "...that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.
- 23 "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one."
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3. We are not " _____ **ANOTHER** _____ "; we are His _____ **BODY** _____ .
4. Christ's glory on earth was in the _____ **CROSS** _____ .
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John 12:23-28

- 23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.
- 24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.
- 25 "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

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- 26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.
- 27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.
- 28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."
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5. We share in His glory by sharing the **CROSS-LIFE** .

John 21:15-19

- 15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, 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."
- 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."
- 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, 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.
- 18 "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."
- 19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."
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6. We also share in His glory through living the **CHRIST-LIFE** .

7. We bring Him glory AND we are glorified by exhibiting the Seven-Fold Glory of God:

- Mercy **SHOWING COMPASSION**
- Grace **BESTOWING FAVOR**
- Longsuffering **SLOW TO ANGER**
- Abounding in Goodness" **OVERFLOWING WITH KINDNESS**
- Truth **BEING FAITHFUL**
- Keeping Mercy **WATCHING OVER**
- Forgiving **DEALING WITH SIN**

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8. We don't have to wait until the distant future when we get to **HEAVEN** to experience **GLORIFICATION**.

Romans 8:16-19; 29-31

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.



29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

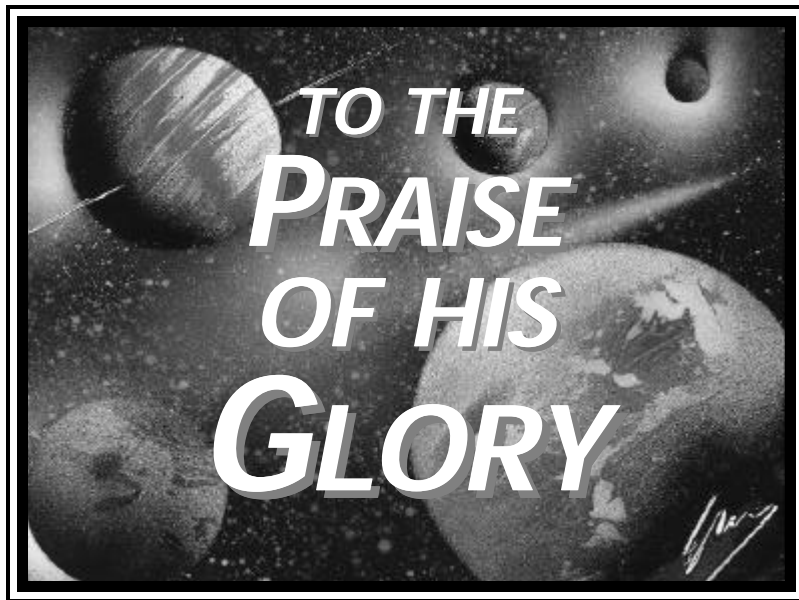
31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

9. Just as Christ was glorified **ON EARTH**, so are we!

10. The Christian's glory is both in **ETERNITY** and in **HISTORY**.

11. God is bringing to pass the present day **MANIFESTATION** of His sons.

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- ___ 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,
- ___ 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ___ 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.
- ___ 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,
- ___ 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name."
- ___ 10 And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"
- ___ 11 And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!"
- ___ 12 And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope."
- ___ 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ___ 14 Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.
- ___ 15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God,
- ___ 16 that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
- ___ 17 Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God.
- ___ 18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient;
- ___ 19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

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Habakkuk 2:14

For the earth will be filled
With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea.

Psalms 29:1-2

Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Study Overview

I. God's Plan for the Nations

2 Samuel 22:50 (Psalm 18:49)
Deuteronomy 32:43
Psalm 117:1-2
Isaiah 11:1, 10
Isaiah 42:6-7
Revelation 7:9-12

II. God's Glory Throughout the Earth

Habakkuk 2:13-14
Psalm 24:1
Numbers 14:17-21
Matthew 24:14
Psalm 96:3
Psalm 105:1-3

GOD'S PLAN FOR THE NATIONS

1. In Romans 15, Paul refers to four Old Testament passages that reveal God's plan for the NATION OF ISRAEL.
2. God never intended for the Hebrews to be the EXCLUSIVE recipients of His grace.
3. Instead, they were to be a CHANNEL OF BLESSING to the nations.

Word Study

Gentiles – ethnos {eth'-nos} – The same Greek word as that translated "nation" in 1 Peter 2:9 (see the definition on page 9). To the Hebrews, the "nations" meant the "Gentiles," that is, anyone other than themselves. But this exclusivity was totally unwarranted and never intended by God in His purpose for

them as a nation as the Old Testament references which Paul quotes in this passage attest.

Cross References:

Romans 15:9 2 Samuel 22:50, Psalm 18:49
Romans 15:10 Deuteronomy 32:43
Romans 15:11 Psalm 117:1
Romans 15:12 Isaiah 11:1, 10

4. The FIRST PASSAGE – 2 Samuel 22:50, and repeated in Psalm 18:49 – is a portion of the song that DAVID sang when God had delivered him from Saul.

2 Samuel 22:50

50 Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles,
And sing praises to Your name.

5. God intended that the Hebrews would, at a minimum, TESTIFY to the nations of the goodness of God.

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6. The second passage – Deuteronomy 32:43 – is a portion of the song that MOSES sang at the end of his life.

Deuteronomy 32:43

43 "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people;
For He will avenge the blood of His servants,
And render vengeance to His adversaries;
He will provide atonement for His land and His people."

7. Here we see that God's intention was that the nations would be INCLUDED in the worship of Israel.

8. The third passage – Psalm 117:1 – is from the SHORTEST chapter in the Bible.

Psalm 117:1-2

1 Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles!
Laud Him, all you peoples!
2 For His merciful kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

9. Here the language escalates to a direct COMMAND to the nations to join Israel in praising the Lord.

10. The fourth and final passage that Paul quotes – Isaiah 11:1, 10 – is a prophecy concerning the MESSIAH that includes all the nations.

Isaiah 11:1, 10

1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.



10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse,
Who shall stand as a banner to the people;
For the Gentiles shall seek Him,
And His resting place shall be glorious."

11. The PROMISED Messiah's coming was for the nations.

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Isaiah 42:6-7

6 "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness,
And will hold Your hand;
I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people,
As a light to the Gentiles,
7 To open blind eyes,
To bring out prisoners from the prison,
Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

12. The **THRONE OF GOD** leaves no doubt about God's plan for the nations.

Revelation 7:9-12

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number,
of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the
Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,
10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and
fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 saying:
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

GOD'S GLORY THROUGHOUT THE EARTH

1. God has purposed that His glory will fill the **WHOLE EARTH**.

Habakkuk 2:13-14

13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts
That the peoples labor to feed the fire,
And nations weary themselves in vain?
14 For the earth will be filled
With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea.

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2. Both the **EARTH** and its **PEOPLE** belong to God.

Psalm 24:1

1 The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

3. God has demonstrated through His dealings with Israel that His **GLORY** takes priority over any particular **PEOPLE**.

Numbers 14:17-21

17 "And now, I pray, let the power of my LORD be great, just as You have spoken, saying,

18 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.'

19 "Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

20 Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, according to your word;

21 "but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD."

4. The paramount concern of the Church must be **DECLARING GOD'S GLORY**.

Matthew 24:14

14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

5. Our motivation must not be: "God, **TAKE US OUT** of the earth!"

6. Rather, it must be: "God, **BRING YOUR GLORY** to the earth!"

Psalm 96:3

3 Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.

Psalm 105:1-3

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!

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- 2 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
Talk of all His wondrous works!
 - 3 Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!
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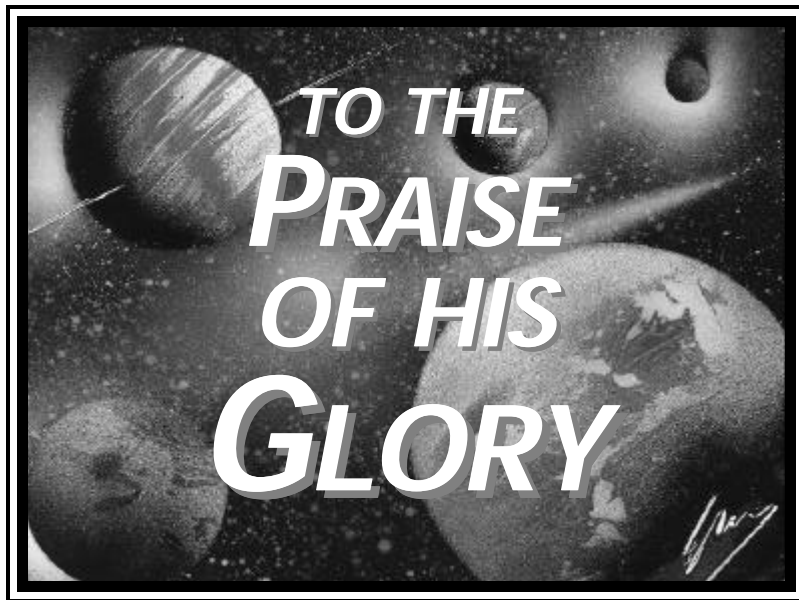
- 7. There is a higher motivation for world evangelism than concern for the **LOST**.
 - 8. It is a passion for seeing the **GLORY OF GOD** fill the earth.
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John Piper in
Let the Nations Be Glad

Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church - Worship is!
Missions exists because worship doesn't.
Worship, not missions, is ultimate because God, not man, is ultimate.
When this age is over, and the countless redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more.
It is only a temporary necessity.
But worship abides forever!

- 8. The real tragedy of the 10-40 Window is not the 1.7 billion lost souls there...
The real tragedy is that the **GLORY OF GOD** is NOT there!
- 9. The 10-40 Window is a **GLORY VACUUM**!

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- ___26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- ___27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- ___28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
- ___29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.
- ___30 "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.
- ___31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.
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- ___16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.
- ___17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.
- ___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.

Hide This Away

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life,

nor angels nor principalities nor powers,

nor things present nor things to come,

nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing,

shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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THE MEANING OF EVANGELISM

1. What is needed today is a **COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT** in worldwide evangelism.
2. By "comprehensive" we mean the message of salvation is for:
 - Every **INDIVIDUAL** in
 - Every **NATION** from
 - Every **WALK OF LIFE** and will affect
 - Every **INSTITUTION** on this planet.
3. People are brought into the kingdom of God through **CONVERSION** .
4. God then asks them to begin to make a **DIFFERENCE** in their world.
5. Christians have an assignment to **CONQUER** in His name.

Matthew 28:19-20

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."

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6. Christians have been given the _____ **ENABLING** _____ to complete their assignment.

Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

7. To "evangelize" means to tell the whole world the " _____ **GOOD NEWS** _____."

Mark 16:15

15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

8. The "gospel" is:

- Jesus Christ has _____ **OVERCOME** _____ the world.
 - He has given His disciples _____ **AUTHORITY** _____ to extend His dominion.
 - His dominion will be completed in _____ **HISTORY** _____.
 - He will then return in _____ **JUDGMENT** _____.
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Gary North in the Foreword of
The Greatness of the Great Commission
by Kenneth Gentry

What do you tell a newly converted adult when he asks the question, "All right, I have accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Now what do I do?" Modern fundamentalism says mainly all he has to do is tell someone else about what just happened to him. Then that person tells another, and so on, until the Rapture revokes the Great Commission. Modern fundamentalism looks at the gospel as if it were some kind of gigantic chain letter scheme. Nothing is of value in God's sight except keeping this chain letter going.

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9. The Great Commission gives the Church its MARCHING ORDERS.
10. There are three questions we must ask concerning the Great Commission:
 - Is it DISCONTINUOUS or CONTINUOUS ?
 - Is it PESSIMISTIC or OPTIMISTIC ?
 - Is it INDIVIDUALISTIC or HOLISTIC ?
11. The Great Commission NOT a wholly new divine program to respond to sin, which is set in stark contrast to the OLD TESTAMENT program.
12. It IS the capstone of God's longstanding and unfolding COVENANTAL program of redemption.
13. It IS the fruition of progressive redemption that is CONTINUOUS with the Old Testament.
14. The goal of the Church is NOT to bravely be a witness in a HOPELESSLY lost and dying world.
15. It IS our destiny to successfully proclaim salvation to the world and, despite all odds, lead the MAJORITY of men to salvation.
16. Because we operate under the authority of the King of kings and Lord of lords, we can be totally OPTIMISTIC about the success of the Kingdom of God.
17. The nature of the Great Commission is NOT LIMITED to seeking the salvation of individual lost SINNERS.
18. The nature of the Great Commission is NOT LIMITED to the training of Christians in their PRIVATE WALK and PUBLIC WORSHIP.
19. IN ADDITION to the salvation of sinners and the sanctification of believers, the Great Commission includes the development of Christian CULTURE.
20. The Great Commission affects EVERY area of life; thus it is HOLISTIC.
21. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the first meaning of the word "culture" is: WORSHIP or REVERENTIAL HOMAGE.
22. "Culture" comes from the Latin word cultus which means WORSHIP.
23. The idea of "culture" is closely related to RELIGIOUS activity.
24. Our modern world has made a false distinction between the SACRED and the SECULAR.

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25. The Great Commission directs us to claim the **WHOLE WORLD** for Jesus Christ.
26. The fullness of the extent of the Great Commission is seen in these “all” statements:
- Jesus Christ has been given and sends us with **ALL AUTHORITY** .
 - We are to go and disciple **ALL NATIONS** .
 - We are to teach these disciples **ALL THINGS** .
 - Our Lord has promised to be with us **ALWAYS** .

THE CREATION MANDATE

1. There are two ultimate foundation stones of the Great Commission:
- **CREATION**
 - **COVENANT**
2. From the very beginning, God intended for man to have **DOMINION** .

Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

3. Man’s task was to serve as God’s **INTERMEDIARY** over the earth.
4. This was the summation of God’s **ORIGINAL PURPOSE** for man:
- “Let Us make man in Our image.”
 - “Let them have dominion.”
5. Man has a basic CONSTITUTIONAL URGE or “drive” to exercise dominion as a result of his being **CREATED** in God’s image.
6. Furthermore, he has a FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY to exercise dominion as a result of his being **COMMANDED** to do so by God.

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7. This assignment has been called:

- The CULTURAL MANDATE (Abraham Kuyper)
- The DOMINION COVENANT (Gary North)
- The CREATION MANDATE (Kenneth Gentry)

8. Man's distinctive task in God's world in accordance with God's plan was to develop godly CULTURE.

9. Adam was to " CULTIVATE " the world, beginning in Eden.

Genesis 2:15

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

9. The sin of Adam and Eve caused man to be SIDE-TRACKED from this original purpose.

10. Yet, in the Bible, even despite the entry of sin, man is seen subduing the earth, developing culture, and acting as a CREATURE OF DOMINION.

11. His dominion of the earth has, however, has been disastrous because it has been exercised in REBELLION.

12. It is important to realize that the Creation Mandate was not WITHDRAWN with the entry of sin into the world.

13. It was REITERATED in the covenant with Noah after the Flood.

Genesis 9:1-2

1 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

2 " And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.

14. The Psalmist understood that it had not been RESCINDED.

Psalm 8:1-9

1 O LORD, our Lord,
How excellent is Your name in all the earth,
Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

3. The New Creation Mandate became the supplement of the original Creation Mandate through the new factor of REDEMPTION.
4. As soon as sin entered the world, God responded by giving the promise of a coming REDEEMER.

Genesis 3:15

15 "And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."

5. This verse is often called the "PROTEVANGELIUM," or the "first promise of the gospel."
6. The Great Commission, as the New Creation Mandate, is the CAPSTONE of this proto-redemptive promise.
7. Although the writer to the Hebrews saw the Creation Mandate as being incomplete, he declared that God had not ABANDONED His original purpose.

Hebrews 2:9-15

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

13 And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

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8. All the provisions of the Creation Mandate are to be fulfilled in the New Creation Mandate and that through the power of JESUS.
9. He will effect this victory, however, through His "brethren," the CHURCH.

Romans 8:29-30

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

10. The Great Commission directs us to proclaim the VICTORY GOSPEL MESSAGE.
11. This is the "good news" that the Church will be victorious on EARTH and in HISTORY.
12. We should not make a false distinction between the MATERIAL and the SPIRITUAL.
13. The Christian faith is concerned with the HERE AND NOW.
14. God is concerned with the MATERIAL WORLD and so should we be.
15. God CREATED the earth and man as material entities, and called it all "very good."

Genesis 1:31

31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.

16. Christ came in the FLESH to redeem man.

John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

17. His Word directs us in how to live in this PRESENT AGE.

Titus 2:11-12

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.

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18. God does not **REMOVE** us from the earth when we are saved.

John 17:15

15 "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one."

19. The Great Commission is the **PRESENT BUSINESS** of the Church.

Luke 19:11-13

11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.

13 "So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business (occupy κιν) till I come.'"

20. There are at least four similarities between the Creation Mandate and the New Creation Mandate.

FIRST, both were granted at the completion of **DIVINE ACTIVITY** .

Genesis 2:1-2

1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

John 19:30

30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

21. SECOND, both Mandates were given to **FEDERAL HEADS** .

1 Corinthians 15:22

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

22. By "federal" is meant that neither Adam nor Christ acted **JUST FOR HIMSELF** but **FOR US ALL** .

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23. When Adam was tempted in the Garden of Eden and fell, he did so IN OUR STEAD, as our federal head.
24. We do not earn our SINFUL STATE; we are born into it.
25. When Christ lived according to God's Law through all His trials and died under that Law, He did so IN OUR BEHALF, as our federal head.
26. We do not earn our RIGHTEOUS STANDING; we are born into it.
27. THIRD, both Mandates engage in the same task: SUBDUING THE EARTH for the GLORY OF GOD.
28. The Creation Mandate was to begin at EDEN and gradually extend throughout all the earth.
29. The New Creation Mandate, which supplements, undergirds, and restores man ethically to the righteous task of the Creation Mandate, was to begin at JERUSALEM and gradually extend throughout the world.

Luke 24:47

47 "...and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 1:8

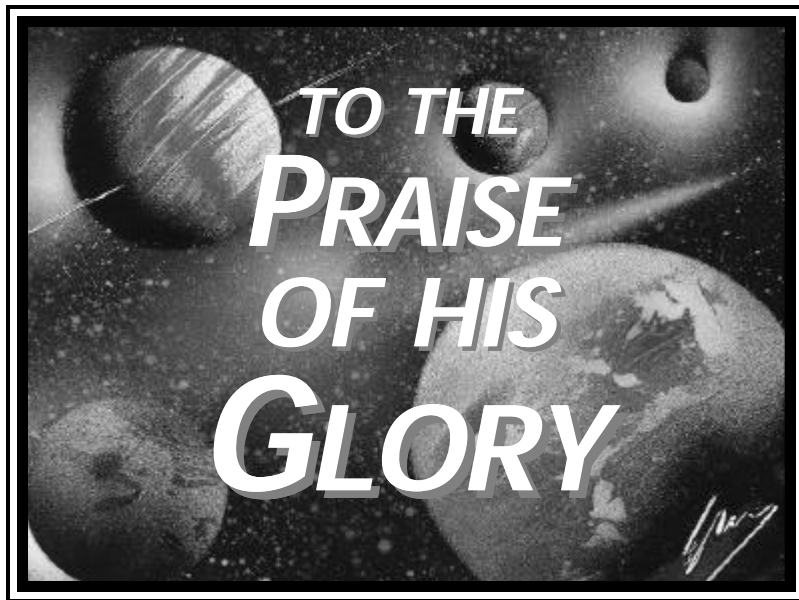
8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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30. FOURTH, both Mandates require the same ENABLEMENT: being made and remade in the image of God.

Colossians 3:9-10

9 ...you have put off the old man with his deeds,

10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him...



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Jeremiah 31:27-37

- ___27 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast.
- ___28 "And it shall come to pass, that as I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to throw down, to destroy, and to afflict, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.
- ___29 "In those days they shall say no more: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge.'
- ___30 "But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.
- ___31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;
- ___32 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.
- ___33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- ___34 "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."
- ___35 Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name):
- ___36 "If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever."
- ___37 Thus says the LORD: "If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the LORD.

Hide This Away

Deuteronomy 30:19

"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you,
that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing;
therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;
that you may love the LORD your God,
that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him,
for He is your life and the length of your days."

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Structured Notes

THE CHRIST OF THE COVENANT

1. The Great Commission is a COVENANTAL document.
2. The seven major divine covenants receiving emphasis in Scripture are those established with:
 - ADAM (Hosea 6:7 – the word “men” is literally “Adam”)
 - NOAH (Genesis 6:18)
 - ABRAHAM (Genesis 15:18)
 - MOSES (Exodus 24:8)
 - DAVID (Psalm 89:3-4)
 - DANIEL (Daniel 7-12)
 - CHRIST (Jeremiah 31:31-37; Matthew 26:26-29)

33 “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

3. Paul summed up these various covenants as being the COVENANTS [plural] of the PROMISE [singular].

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Ephesians 2:12

12 ...at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

4. All of these divine covenants exhibit both a basic **UNITY** as well as a progressive **UNFOLDING** .
5. Christ is the **FULFILLMENT** of the promise of the divine covenant.
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Luke 1:68-72

68 "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,
For He has visited and redeemed His people,
69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us
In the house of His servant David,
70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,
Who have been since the world began,
71 That we should be saved from our enemies
And from the hand of all who hate us,
72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers
And to remember His holy covenant.

2 Corinthians 1:20

20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

6. The fundamental promise of the covenant – "I will be your God; you will be My people" – comes to full expression in the birth of the One called " **IMMANUEL** ."
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Matthew 1:21-23

21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."
22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:
23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

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7. Christ was self-consciously the “ **MESSENGER** ” of the Covenant.”

Malachi 3:1

1 “Behold, I send My messenger,
And he will prepare the way before Me.
And the Lord, whom you seek,
Will suddenly come to His temple,
Even the Messenger of the covenant,
In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,”
Says the LORD of hosts.

Matthew 11:9-10

9 “But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.
10 “For this is he of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You.’”

8. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) Christ intentionally parallels Himself with Moses, the **LAW-GIVER** through whom came the Mosaic Covenant.

9. Jesus presented Himself as the **LAW-KEEPER** and the fulfillment of that covenant.

John 1:17

17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

10. In the Upper Room on the night preceding His crucifixion, Christ, “the Messenger of the Covenant,” established the **NEW COVENANT**.

Matthew 26:28

28 “For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

11. The several progressive divine covenants, which developed God’s redemptive plan in the Old Testament era, comes to **FRUITION** in the New Covenant.

12. The New Covenant is the “Covenant of **CONSUMMATION**.”

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THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COVENANT

O. Palmer Robertson in
The Christ of the Covenant

Covenant Defined – A solemnly established, legal oath-bond, which creates a favorable relation between two or more parties based on certain specified terms, and which promises blessings for faithful adherence to those terms, while threatening curses for unfaithful departure from them.

1. From this definition a number of observations can be made. FIRST, a covenant is a _____ **LEGAL** _____ document.

2. The covenant document was written in _____ **DUPLICATE** _____.

Exodus 31:18

18 And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

3. The covenant document required _____ **WITNESSES** _____.

Deuteronomy 30:19

19 "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live."

9. Breach of the covenant provisions could be _____ **PROSECUTED** _____.

Micah 6:1-2

- 1 Hear now what the LORD says:
"Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
And let the hills hear your voice.
 - 2 Hear, O you mountains, the Lord's complaint,
And you strong foundations of the earth;
For the LORD has a complaint against His people,
And He will contend with Israel.
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5. SECOND, a covenant is an _____ **OATH-BOND** _____.

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Hebrews 6:13-14

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,
14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you."

6. THIRD, a covenant establishes a **FAVORABLE** relationship.
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Jeremiah 7:23

23 But this is what I commanded them, saying, "Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you."

7. FOURTH, a covenant's provisions are **CONDITIONAL** .
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Deuteronomy 11:26-28

26 "Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse:
27 "the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today;
28 "and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

8. FIFTH, a covenant is solemnly and formally **ESTABLISHED** .
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Genesis 15:7-10, 17-18

7 Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."
8 And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"
9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."
10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.



17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.
18 On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram...

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9. In the Hebrew language the phrase "to make a covenant" may be translated literally: "to **CUT** a covenant."
10. Ancient covenants were established between imperial kings (**SUZERAINS**) and conquered peoples (**VASSALS**).
11. These ancient covenants usually had a **FIVE-FOLD** structure.

THE STRUCTURE OF ANCIENT COVENANTS

1.	SOVEREIGNTY	CROWN	TRANSCENDENCE
2.	STRUCTURE	CONSTITUENCY	HIERARCHY
3.	STIPULATIONS	CONDUCT	ETHICS
4.	SANCTIONS	CONSEQUENCES	OATH
5.	SECURITY	CONTINUITY	SUCCESSION

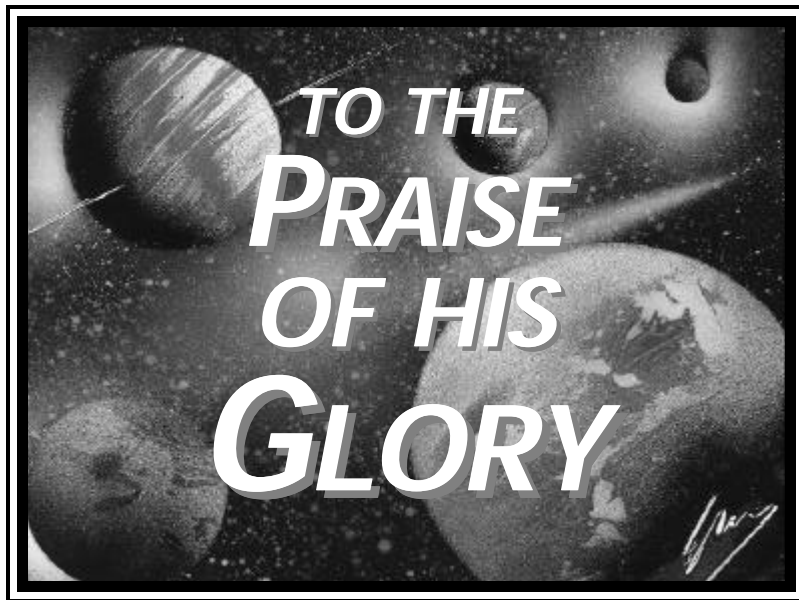
12. The **FIRST SECTION** was an introductory statement identifying the sovereignty of the covenant-making king, usually in the form of a brief **PREAMBLE**.
13. The **SECOND SECTION** was a summary of the king's authority and the delegation of his rule, usually in the form of an historical **PROLOGUE**.
14. The **THIRD SECTION** was a description of the legal **CONDITIONS** covered by the covenant bond.
15. The **FOURTH SECTION** set forth the results of either keeping or breaking its provisions in the form of **PROMISES** and **PENALTIES**.
16. The **FIFTH SECTION** contained the arrangements for **TRANSFERRING** the covenant to future generations..

Gary North in
Liberating Planet Earth

We can put the words differently and make things more practical:

1. Who's in charge here?
 2. To whom do I report?
 3. What are my orders?
 4. What do I get if I obey (disobey)?
 5. Does this outfit have a future?
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17. If Christ's Great Commission is a covenant, then it will display the five-point structure of the biblical covenant **MODEL**.
18. If the Great Commission really is a covenant, then **ALL CHRISTIANS** come under its stipulations.



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SOVEREIGNTY
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Acts 2:22-36

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Acts 2:22-36

- ___22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know;
- ___23 "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;
- ___24 "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.
- ___25 "For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.
- ___26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.
- ___27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- ___28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'
- ___29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
- ___30 "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,
- ___31 "he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.
- ___32 "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.
- ___33 "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.
- ___34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, ___35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."' "
- ___36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Hide This Away

Philippians 2:8-9

And being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him
and given Him the name which is above every name.

Study Overview

I. Sovereignty/Crown/Transcendence

Matthew 28:16
 Matthew 4:13-17
 Romans 1:1-4
 Philippians 2:8-9
 Psalm 2:6-8
 Acts 13:33-34
 Acts 2:30-36
 Matthew 28:16, 18-20
 Matthew 1:1, 23; 2:1-2; 3:13, 16-17; 4:8-9, 19

II. Structure/Constituency/Hierarchy

2 Corinthians 5:20
 Ephesians 6:20
 Daniel 7:13-14
 Acts 17:26
 Matthew 4:15
 Revelation 7:9
 John 1:29
 John 3:16-17
 2 Corinthians 5:19
 1 John 2:2
 1 John 4:14

Structured Notes

SOVEREIGNTY – CROWN – TRANSCENDENCE

1. Our God is a covenant-making God, and we cannot properly and fully understand the _____ **REDEMPTION** _____ He provides in Christ apart from covenant.
2. The covenant framework of the Great Commission expresses the _____ **ESSENCE** _____ of the Christian enterprise, the Christian's calling in the world.
3. The first point of the Biblical covenant model is the establishment of the sovereignty of the _____ **COVENANT-MAKER** _____.
4. FIRST, we see Christ's sovereignty in the _____ **GEOGRAPHICAL** _____ context of the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:16

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

5. The region of Galilee was an area in Israel that contained a _____ **MIXED** _____ Jew and Gentile population.

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Matthew 4:13-17

- 13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,
14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:
15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles:
16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death
Light has dawned."
17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
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6. Mountains are significant in Scripture as symbols of:

- **SOVEREIGNTY**
- **MAJESTY**
- **EXALTATION**
- **POWER**

7. SECOND, we see Christ's sovereignty in the **TEMPORAL** context of the Great Commission.

8. The Great Commission was granted by the resurrected Savior who had victoriously and triumphantly **FINISHED** the work of redemption.

Romans 1:1-4

- 1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God
2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,
3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,
4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.
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9. The word "declared" is generally understood to mean

- **DETERMINED**
- **APPOINTED**
- **ORDAINED**
- **DESIGNATED**

Philippians 2:8-9

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.

10. It was at the **RESURRECTION** that sovereignty was ascribed to Christ.

John Calvin in
A Harmony of the Gospels

We must note, His Authority was not openly displayed until He rose from the dead. Only then did He advance aloft, wearing the insignia of supreme King.

11. From this time forth, we cease to hear His familiar "I can do nothing of Myself" (John 5:19, 30; 8:28; 12:49; 14:10), for now " **ALL AUTHORITY** " is rightfully His.

12. This grant of **KINGLY** authority was prophesied in the Old Testament.

Psalm 2:6-8

6 "Yet I have set My King
On My holy hill of Zion.

7 "I will declare the decree:
The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.

8 "'Ask of Me, and I will give You
The nations for Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.'"

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Acts 13:33-34

33 "God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus.
As it is also written in the second Psalm:

'You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.'

34 "And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption,
He has spoken thus:

'I will give you the sure mercies of David.'"

13. Something new has occurred as the result of the **COMPLETION** of His redemptive work at His resurrection.

Acts 2:30-36

30 "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,

31 "he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

32 "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

33 "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:
'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,

35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'"

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

14. The resurrection of Christ from the dead, followed shortly by His ascension into the heavens, is referred to as His **EXALTATION** .
15. The **SUFFERING SAVIOR** had become the **CONQUERING KING** .
16. THIRD, we see Christ's sovereignty in the **LITERARY** context of the Great Commission.
17. The **CLOSING** words of Matthew's Gospel are echoes of its **OPENING** chapters.

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OPENING

18. In Christ's birth announcement is the fulfillment of _____ **ISAIAH 7:14** _____.

Matthew 1:23

23 "...and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

19. "God with us" has _____ **COME** _____!

20. Matthew 1 presents Jesus Christ's ROYAL _____ **GENEALOGY** _____.

Matthew 1:1

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

21. In Matthew 2 Christ is sought out by _____ **GENTILE MAGI** _____.

Matthew 2:1-2

- 1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem...behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
- 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

22. In Matthew 3 Christ appears at the Jordan to be _____ **BAPTIZED** _____.

Matthew 3:13

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

CLOSING

18. In the Great Commission, we have the same _____ **THEME** _____.

Matthew 28:20

20 "...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

19. "God with us" _____ **REMAINS** _____!

20. In the Great Commission, Christ exercises His ROYAL _____ **AUTHORITY** _____.

Matthew 28:18

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me..."

21. In the Great Commission, Christ sends His disciples to the _____ **GENTILES** _____.

Matthew 28:19

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations (ethne – Gentiles)..."

22. In the Great Commission, Christ gives the directive for _____ **BAPTISM** _____.

Matthew 28:19

19 ...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

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23. At Christ's baptism we have a dramatic manifestation of the TRIUNE GOD.

Matthew 3:16-17

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

24. A part of Christ's wilderness temptation occurred on a MOUNTAIN.

Matthew 4:8

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

25. In this temptation, Satan offered to give Him the KINGDOMS of the world.

Matthew 4:9

9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You..."

26. In this temptation, Satan seeks Christ's WORSHIP.

Matthew 4:9

9 "...if You will fall down and worship me."

27. In Matthew 4, Christ CALLED His disciples.

Matthew 4:19

19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me..."

23. In the Great Commission, baptism is administered in the NAME.

Matthew 28:19

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

24. The Great Commission was given on a MOUNTAIN.

Matthew 28:16

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

25. Christ declares His authority over Satan's REALM, the earth.

Matthew 28:18

18 "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

26. At the giving of the Great Commission, Christ RECEIVES worship.

Matthew 28:17

17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him...

27. In Matthew 28, Christ's disciples were COMMISSIONED.

Matthew 28:19

19 "Go therefore..."

STRUCTURE – CONSTITUENCY – HIERARCHY

1. In the Great Commission, we can trace the flow of covenantal authority:

- It originates in and derives from the TRIUNE GOD.
 (“...All authority has been given...”)
- It is granted as a redemptive reward to the GOD-MAN, JESUS CHRIST.
 (“...to Me...”)
- It is delegated as a matter of obedience to CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS.
 (“...Go therefore and make disciples...”)
- Submission to that authority is to spread to ALL THE WORLD.
 (“...of all the nations...”)

2. This is why the heralds of Christ's kingdom are called AMBASSADORS.

2 Corinthians 5:20

20 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.

Ephesians 6:18-20

18 ...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints;

19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

3. Christ's RESURRECTION and ASCENSION were the two EVENTS that comprise the one ACT of His EXALTATION.

4. The resurrection is the ROOT and the BEGINNING of the ascension.

5. The ascension is the BLOSSOM and the CROWN of the resurrection.

6. The Great Commission is the direct fulfillment of PROPHECY.

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Daniel 7:13-14

- 13 I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, One like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.
- 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom the one
Which shall not be destroyed.

7. Christ first **DECLARES** His authority; then He **DELEGATES** it.
8. The Great Commission sends down from above an **OBLIGATION** upon God's people.
9. The connective " **THEREFORE** " transfers all Christ's authority to the Church.
10. An exact literal translation of the Greek of verse 19 reads: " **GOING** , therefore, disciple all the nations."
11. The phrase "make disciples" demonstrates that the purpose of the church in this present age is not merely that of being a **WITNESS** .
12. The word "nations" demonstrates that the church must be concerned with more than the salvation of **INDIVIDUALS** .

Word Study

nations – ethnos {eth'-nos} plural ethne {eth'-nay} – a race or a tribe, specifically a foreign or non-Jewish or pagan one; sometimes translated "Gentile, heathen, nation, or people"; from the Greek root ethos {eth'-os} which means "mass or host or multitude bound by the

same manners, customs, moral habits, and other distinctive features." Consequently, the word ethnos speaks not so much of individuals as such, but of connected masses of individuals united together by a common bond, as in a culture, society, or nation.

Acts 17:26

26 "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth..."

13. The word ethnos or ethne sometimes means NON-JEWS.
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Matthew 4:15

15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles (ethne)..."

13. The word ethnos or ethne does not indicate POLITICAL divisions.
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Revelation 7:9

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

14. The better understanding is that of " PEOPLE-GROUPS ."
15. Christ does not merely say "disciple all MEN " (anthropos), which would indicate individual humans.
16. Neither does He call for the discipling of "all KINGDOMS " (basileia), as if He laid claim only to political authority.
17. Rather, He focuses on individuals united together in socio-cultural relations by calling for the discipling of "all the NATIONS " (ethne).
18. The work of the Great Commission, then, aims at the comprehensive application of Christ's authority over individuals through CONVERSION .
19. This providentially leads to the subsuming under the authority of Christ whole
- INSTITUTIONS
 - CULTURES
 - SOCIETIES
 - GOVERNMENTS

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Matthew Henry in

Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible

Christianity should be twisted in with national constitutions, ...the kingdoms of the world should become Christ's kingdoms, and their kings the church's nursing fathers...Do your utmost to make the nations Christian nations...Christ the Mediator is setting up a kingdom in the world. Bring the nations to be his subjects.

20. Christ saves individuals, to be sure, but nowhere does the Scriptures refer to Him as one's " **PERSONAL SAVIOR** ."

21. The Bible does, however, often refer to Him as the **SAVIOR OF THE WORLD** .

John 1:29

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 3:16-17

16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

2 Corinthians 5:19

19 ...God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself...

1 John 2:2

2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1 John 4:14

14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

Word Study

world – kosmos {kos'-mos} – orderly arrangement or decoration; by implication the world.

This noun originally had to do with a building erected from individual parts to form a

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whole. It came to be applied to relations between men, as in the case of ordering soldiers in armies and governments in matters

of state. Eventually kosmos came to speak of the well ordered universe, and was an important term in Greek philosophy.

22. The Great Commission is based on the COMPREHENSIVENESS of Christ's authority - "...ALL authority..."

_____ A. B. Bruce in
"Matthew" in the Englishman's Greek Testament

Christ here claims "every form of authority [and] command of all means necessary for the advancement of the kingdom of God."

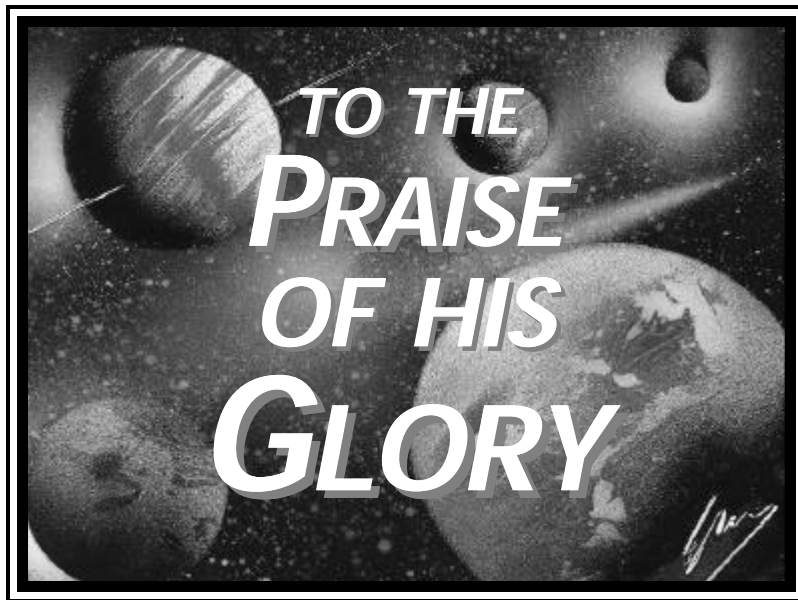
_____ Cleon Rogers in
"The Great Commission" in Bibliotheca Sacra Jul-Sept 1973

He claims "unlimited authority in every area."

23. The Great Commission emphasizes the unlimited REALM of His authority - "...in heaven AND on earth..."

24. The Great Commission demands that we preach His CROWN RIGHTS over all men and all their institutions and culture.

Personal Notes



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THE GLORY OF
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Mark 16:15-20;
Luke 24:46-53; Acts 1:8-12

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___15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

___16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

___17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

___18 "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."

___19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

___20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.



___46 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,

___47 "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

___48 "And you are witnesses of these things.

___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."

___50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

___51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

___52 And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

___53 and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.



___8 "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."

___9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

___10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,

___11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

___12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.

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I. Stipulations – Conduct – Ethics

2 Peter 1:21
 1 Thessalonians 2:13
 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 Matthew 5:17-18
 Matthew 23:23
 John 16:13
 Colossians 3:17

II. Sanctions – Consequences – Oath

Matthew 28:16-17
 1 Corinthians 12:13
 1 Peter 3:21
 Romans 6:3-5
 Acts 2:38; 8:12; 10:48; 19:5; 22:16
 Mark 16:15-16
 Matthew 3:10-12

III. Security – Continuity – Succession

Acts 17:6; 19:20, 26
 Colossians 1:5
 1 Corinthians 15:58
 Luke 24:46-49
 Matthew 28:20
 2 Corinthians 9:8-11
 Zechariah 4:6
 2 Corinthians 10:4
 Isaiah 52:12-15
 Mark 1:14-15
 Matthew 12:28
 Mark 9:1
 Revelation 3:21
 Hebrews 10:12-13
 Matthew 24:14

STIPULATIONS – CONDUCT – ETHICS

1. The third section of a covenant stipulates the pattern of life and the standards for conduct expected by the **SOVEREIGN COVENANT-MAKER**.
2. **GOD'S LAW** is at the heart of God's covenant.
3. God's covenantal principle – "be faithful and prosper" – is based on an ethical relationship between **CAUSE** and **EFFECT**.
4. In the Great Commission there are three Greek participles
 - " **GOING** "
 - " **BAPTIZING** "
 - " **TEACHING** "
5. There is, however, only one direct verbal command: " **MAKE DISCIPLES** ."
6. He did not say: "Go and make **DEPENDENTS** ."
7. He did not say: "Go and make **CONVERTS** ."

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8. It is widely accepted in Christendom today that one can be a Christian WITHOUT being a DISCIPLE.
9. Some view the Great Commission in total ISOLATION from the rest of Scripture.

Jack Hyles in
Let's Go Soul Winning

Notice the four basic verbs: (1) Go. (2) Preach. (3) Baptize. (4) Teach them again. You teach them something after you get them saved and baptized. What do you teach them? To... 'observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.'... Now what did He command us to do? Go, preach, baptize, then teach what He commanded us to do. So, we teach them to go, preach, and baptize, that they may teach their converts to go and preach and baptize.

10. This reduces the gospel to a religious CHAIN LETTER !
11. The mission of the Church is much more than PREACHING.

Word Study

preach – kerusso {kay-roos'-so} – to herald as a public crier, especially divine truth or the gospel; to proclaim; to publish.

witness – martus {mar'-toos} – a martyr; a record.
disciple – matheteuo {math-ayt-yoo'-o} – to enroll as scholar; to instruct; to teach.

12. Had the Great Commission set forth the mission solely to “ PREACH ,” the Lord would have used the Greek verb kerusso.

Mark 16:15

15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach (kerusso) the gospel to every creature.

13. Had He meant only that His people should be a “ WITNESS ,” He would have used the noun martus.

Acts 1:8

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

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14. The verb "disciple" (matheteuo) entails both _____ **PROCLAMATION** _____ and _____ **RESPONSE** _____.

John A. Broadus in

An American Commentary – Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew

To disciple a person to Christ is to bring him into the relation of pupil to teacher, taking His yoke of authoritative instruction, accepting what He says as true because He says it and submitting to His requirements as right because he makes them.

15. Discipleship means:
- To bring believers to a faithful _____ **DEVOTION** _____ to Christ, and
 - To train them in the exercise of that faith _____ **COMMITMENT** _____ in all of life.

16. _____ **INSTRUCTION IN THE WORD** _____ is the foundation of the Christian's training.

17. The Christian faith is a "religion of the _____ **BOOK** _____."

2 Peter 1:21

21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

18. The whole Bible is, in effect, a _____ **COVENANT** _____ document..
19. When Christ instructs His followers to "teach them to observe all that I commanded you," He, of course, means the principles He taught in the _____ **GOSPELS** _____.
20. The commandment to teach "all things commanded" also extends to include all the teachings in _____ **OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** _____.

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Matthew 5:17-18

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled."

21. Christ's ministry consistently upheld the _____ **RELEVANCE** _____ of God's Word in the Old Testament.

Matthew 23:23

23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone."

22. The commandment to teach "all things commanded" also extends to include all the yet future teaching of the _____ **APOSTLES** _____.

John 16:13

13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

23. In commanding the teaching of "all things He commanded," the Great Commission urges us to promote the " _____ **WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD** _____ " (Acts 20:27).

24. Discipleship is not just the impartation of _____ **INFORMATION** _____.

25. We are to urge the promotion of both Christian _____ **PRINCIPLE** _____ and _____ **PRACTICE** _____.

26. We are to assist believers to go beyond "getting the right answers" to the point of actually _____ **BELIEVING** _____ and _____ **ACTING UPON** _____ them.

27. The Great Commission promotes the living of _____ **ALL OF LIFE** _____ for the glory of God.

Colossians 3:17

17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

SANCTIONS – CONSEQUENCES – OATH

1. The fourth feature of the covenant is the requirement of an oath, often taken in conjunction with some CEREMONY.
2. Herein the covenant is publicly set forth as a solemn OBLIGATION.
4. Divine covenants, by the very nature of the Sovereign, involve WORSHIP.
5. The obligation to subdue all of culture for Christ must never be severed from its spiritual foundations in the ADORATION of God.
6. We must always press the SPIRITUALITY principle of the kingdom.
7. The cultural effects of the Great Commission flow from the REDEMPITIVE power that is inherent in Christ's kingdom.
8. In the oath-worship aspect of the Great Commission, we have Christ exhibited in His office as GREAT HIGH PRIEST.
9. As such, He has secured our redemption, which is symbolized by and sealed to us in WATER BAPTISM.
10. Worship was conferred upon Christ at the GIVING of the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:16-17

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

11. Worship is PERPETUATED through the ongoing sacrament of baptism
12. Baptism primarily and fundamentally signifies ONENESS with Christ.
13. This union entails both:
 - FAITH in Christ, and
 - POWER over sin.

1 Corinthians 12:13

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.

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1 Peter 3:21

21 There is also an antitype which now saves us; baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:3-5

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

4 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.

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.

14. In water baptism we make a public declaration – and oath-covenant – to four audiences:

- **GOD**
- **THE CHURCH**
- **THE WORLD**
- **SATAN**

15. The authority of the Sovereign Covenant-maker is also involved in baptism by the disciple being baptized in His “ **NAME** .”

16. In water baptism it indicates “ **OWNERSHIP** .”

Matthew 28:19

19 ...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:12

12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

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Acts 10:48

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Acts 19:5

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 22:16

16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

17. The oath section of the covenant involves **SANCTIONS** .

18. The covenant holds forth the prospect of:

- **BLESSINGS** for obedience to the terms of the covenant and
 - **CURSES** for disobedience.
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Mark 16:15-16

15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

19. Baptism strongly exhibits **JUDGMENT** .

20. The first mention of baptism in the New Testament is associated with the ministry of **JOHN THE BAPTIST** .

Matthew 3:10-12

10 "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 "His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

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21. Covenant rituals were enactments of the SANCTIONS invoked in the oath.
22. In the final analysis it may be said that baptism a SYMBOLIC PORTRAYAL of the judgment of the covenant.
23. For the unbeliever, judgment is the threat of DESTRUCTION, but for believers it is the assurance of GLORY.

SECURITY – CONTINUITY – SUCCESSION

1. The final section of the covenant addresses the FUTURE.
2. The Great Commission holds forth a gloriously optimistic prospect for the ultimate SUCCESS of the Church during this present gospel age.
3. The very fact that Christ gave the Great Commission indicates that its provisions will be ACCOMPLISHED.
4. The Great Commission was not a command to “MAKE BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW” (Exodus 5:18).

A.T. Robertson in
Word Pictures in the New Testament

It is the sublimest of all spectacles to see the Risen Christ without money or army or state charging this band of five hundred men and women with world conquest and bring them to believe it possible and to undertake it with serious passion and power.

5. Those original disciples BELIEVED and ACTED UPON this command.

Acts 17:6

6 “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

Acts 19:20, 26

20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.



26 “Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands.”

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Colossians 1:5

5 ...the word of the truth of the gospel,

6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth.

6. We may call this the theology of **GOSPEL VICTORY**.

1 Corinthians 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Luke 24:46-49

46 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,

47 "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 "And you are witnesses of these things.

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."

Matthew 28:20 (EMP)

20 And lo! I am with you all the days, til the conclusion of the age."

7. FIRST, Christ arrested His hearers with the emphatic "**LO**!"

8. SECOND, there was a **DOUBLE PERSONAL** reference.

Matthew 28:20 (GREEK INTERLINEAR)

20 kai idou egw meq umwn iemi

kai isou ego meth humon iemi

and behold I with you I am

9. This emphasis could be rendered, "**I MYSELF AM WITH YOU**."

10. THIRD, He promised His presence to the **FULL END** of the current Gospel Age.

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11. His followers fully believed in the " ALL " statements of Christ.

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

8 And God is able to make ALL grace abound toward you, that you, ALWAYS having ALL sufficiency in ALL things, may have an abundance for every good work.

9 As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

11 while you are enriched in EVERYTHING for ALL liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

12. The comprehensive evangelization of the ENTIRE WORLD is the goal of the Great Commission.

13. No optimistic expectation for the future of mankind convincingly can be argued on any:

- SECULAR HUMANISTIC THEORY or some
 - NATURALISTIC EVOLUTIONARY FORCE or even a
 - SOCIAL GOSPEL.
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Zechariah 4:6

6 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'
Says the LORD of hosts.

2 Corinthians 10:4

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

14. The Old Testament prophets were optimistic concerning the MESSIAH and His FOLLOWERS.

Isaiah 52:12-15

12 For you shall not go out with haste,
Nor go by flight; For the LORD will go before you,
And the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently;
He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

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- 14 Just as many were astonished at you,
So His visage was marred more than any man,
And His form more than the sons of men;
- 15 So shall He sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;
For what had not been told them they shall see,
And what they had not heard they shall consider.
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15. The Kingdom of God came during CHRIST'S MINISTRY.

Mark 1:14-15

- 14 ...Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."
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16. The kingdom was declared PRESENT and OPERATIVE.

Matthew 12:28

- 28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you."
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17. In the lifetime of His hearers it would show its POWER.

Mark 9:1

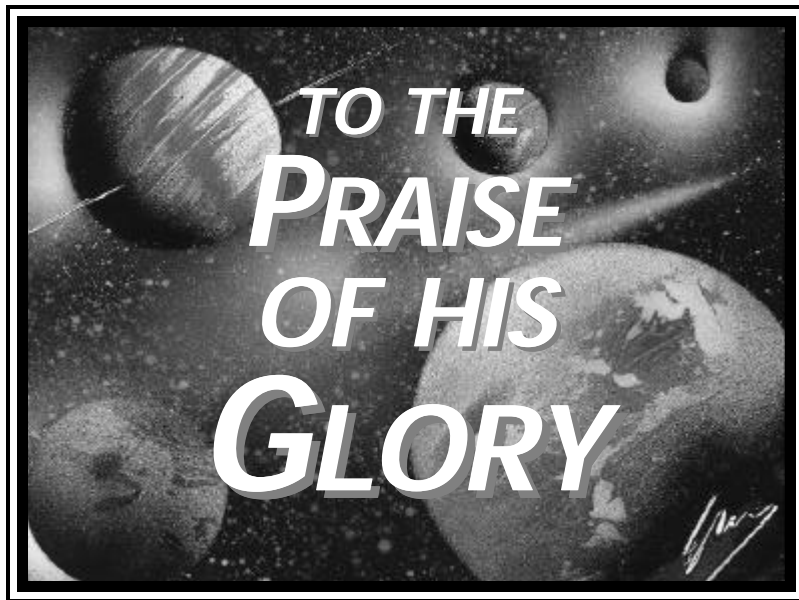
- 1 And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."
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18. Christ is even now RULING and REIGNING over His kingdom.

Revelation 3:21

- 21 "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."
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19. His rule will grow to encompass the entire world until He has suppressed and subdued all OPPOSITION.



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- ___18 "You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.
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- ___34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.
- ___35 "For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law';
- ___36 "and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'
- ___37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.
- ___38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.
- ___39 "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.
- ___40 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

Hide This Away

Galatians 6:14

But God forbid that I should boast
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whom the world has been crucified to me,
and I to the world.

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THE CHRIST-LIFE AND THE CROSS-LIFE

1. Christ's death on the cross was a triumph of **GLORY**.

Colossians 2:14-15

14 ...He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

2. When we **TAKE UP THE CROSS** we share in His glory.

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Colossians 3:2-4

- 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
 - 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
 - 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
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3. The glory of the sons of God is not to be experienced only in the HEREAFTER.

Romans 8:16-19

- 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
 - 17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.
 - 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
 - 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.
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4. The "manifestation of the sons of God" starts in the HERE AND NOW.

5. Remember that the true glory of God is His SEVEN-FOLD CHARACTER :

- "merciful" – showing compassion
- "gracious" – bestowing favor
- "longsuffering" – slow to anger
- "abounding in goodness" – overflowing with kindness
- "truth" – being faithful
- "keeping mercy" – watching over
- "forgiving iniquity...visiting the iniquity" – dealing with sin

6. This seven-fold glory of God was perfectly manifested in the COUNTENANCE of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

- 4 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
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7. Christ's ability to display God's glory was developed through SUFFERING and OBEDIENCE.

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Hebrews 5:8

8 Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

Hebrews 2:10

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

8. If we aspire to display the glory of God, we must follow the same **PATTERN**.
6. First, we allow Him to **DEVELOP** His character in us.
7. Then we begin to **DISPLAY** His glory.
8. We can only develop His character through the **CROSS**.

Galatians 2:20

20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

ABUNDANCE AND OBEDIENCE

1. Kingdom **ABUNDANCE** cannot be separated from kingdom **OBEDIENCE**.

John 10:7-18

- 7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
- 8 "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.
- 9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.
- 10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.
- 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
- 12 "But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.
- 13 "The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

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- 14 "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.
15 "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
16 "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.
17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.
18 "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."
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2. Christ could bring us abundant life only because He was willing to be obedient to the Father's **COMMANDMENT**.
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John 12:49-50

- 49 "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.
50 "And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."
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John 14:10

- 10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.
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Luke 22:42

- 42 "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."
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3. Our abundance comes not only through His obedience, but also through our following His **EXAMPLE** of obedience.
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Matthew 7:24-25

- 24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:
25 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."
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James 1:22-25

- 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;
24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.
25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.
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THE NECESSITY OF SUFFERING

1. Our obedience is required even to the point of SUFFERING.

Mark 10:45

- 45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
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John 20:21

- 21 "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
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Matthew 10:16-20, 24-28, 34-39

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38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

39 "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

2. We must not _____ **DENY** _____ the reality of suffering.

Mark 8:31-34

31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 He spoke this word openly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

3. _____ **SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT** _____ must not be misunderstood.

1 Peter 2:24

24 ...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness...

Hebrew 9:26

26 ...but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

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4. His suffering does not mean that we _____ **ESCAPE** _____ suffering.

1 Peter 2:20-21

20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.

5. We suffer because it is a part of following Christ's _____ **EXAMPLE** _____
– "...in His steps..."

6. We suffer because it is a part of our _____ **JOB DESCRIPTION** _____
– "...to this you were called..."

1 Peter 3:8-9

8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

7. We suffer because of our _____ **DEVOTION** _____ to Christ.

Hebrews 13:12-14

12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

8. A right attitude concerning suffering is a defensive _____ **WEAPON** _____ .

1 Peter 4:1-2

1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

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9. Suffering should not **SURPRISE** us.

1 Peter 4:12-13

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

10. Suffering is **UNIVERSAL** for Christians.

1 Peter 5:8-9

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

11. Paul the apostle was **CALLED** to suffer.

Acts 9:15-16

15 But the Lord said to him [Anaias], "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

16 "For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

12. Paul accepted this condition as his **DESTINY** .

2 Corinthians 6:4-10

4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

6 by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,

7 by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;

9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;

10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

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2 Corinthians 11:23-28

- 23 Are they ministers of Christ?; I speak as a fool; I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.
- 24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.
- 25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;
- 26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;
- 27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness;
- 28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.
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13. Furthermore, he taught that this was the **LOT** of all Christians.

Acts 14:21-22

- 21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,
- 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."
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2 Timothy 3:10-12

- 10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,
- 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.
- 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
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14. God does not just **ALLOW** suffering; He **APPOINTS** it.

1 Thessalonians 3:3

- 3 ...no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.
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15. Suffering is a **PROMISE** from our Lord.

John 16:33

33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

16. Suffering is a **GIFT**.

Philippians 1:29

29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

THE PURPOSE OF SUFFERING

1. Suffering increases our **ETERNAL REWARD**.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Romans 8:18

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Matthew 5:11-12

11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

12 "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

2. Suffering brings **CORRECTION**.

Hebrews 12:4-9

4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

"My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD,
Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

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- 6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens,
And scourges every son whom He receives.”
- 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?
- 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.
- 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?
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3. Suffering strengthens our **FAITH** .
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2 Corinthians 1:8-10

- 8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.
- 9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,
- 10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us.
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4. Suffering heightens our **JOY** .
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John 16:20-24

- 20 “Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.
- 21 “A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.
- 22 “Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.
- 23 “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.
- 24 “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.
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James 1:2

- 2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.
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5. Suffering enhances our _____ **INTIMACY** _____ with Christ.

Philippians 3:7-11

7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

6. Suffering _____ **COMPLETES** _____ the work of Jesus Christ for the sake of others.

2 Timothy 2:10

10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Colossians 1:24

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

7. Suffering _____ **ENCOURAGES** _____ other Christians.

Philippians 1:14

14 ...and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

8. Suffering _____ **MINISTERS** _____ the gospel to unbelievers.

1 Thessalonians 1:5-7

5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

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9. Suffering moves the Church into **MISSIONS**.

Acts 8:1

1 At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 11:19

19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word...

Luke 21:12-13

12 "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake.

13 "But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

10. Suffering magnifies the **SUPREMACY** of Christ.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Personal Notes
