

An Interpretation of the Meaning of "The Great Commission"

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## The Great Commission

### Analyzing Themes and Patterns

Matthew 28: 19-20, The Great Commission, quoted and referenced could there be a deeper callings for commitment with wide implications than is typically ascribe to the supremacy of its intention? "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

After examine the distinct components to behold what is chronicle in the Bible and what, how and, have others penned on the diversified portions. The contents scrutinized are: "Go therefore", "Disciple", "baptizing", and "teaching", and finally, "lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." I have shared my own experience as evidence of how close my practical knowledge thus far parallel the writings of noted scholars on the same or related story elements. In some ways the narrow approach at focusing on the scriptures and their interpretation served to keep the scope tapered.

Limitations were none existing on the volume of material on the subject parts. This is a widely viewed and discussed subject. It was critical to stay narrowly focus to avoid being tempted to go all over, taking me away from my intentional search of what does the text look like when you pick it apart. . Because there is so much material to search this subject could be approach for different denominational perspectives and as always has it changed, and if so how has it evolved; in each of the different denominations from the day of Pentecost until today.. My information came from books, web sites, journals and one interview and my own personal experiences.

Conducting a search for qualitative data uncovered a pleather of topics that to remain true to the initial thesis required discipline. There is no mention of denominations interpretation of the text, not to mention the issue of women performing or participating in teaching, baptizing, and evangelism, in the thesis which would be a whole different subject and thesis. Below is a revised table of the information to be presented along with the order of presentation.

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## Abstract

To examining the specific text in the Greek translation to see if in English does the translations and interpretations carry out the original purpose and meaning, is there a further or deeper understanding and purpose, while examining the text against the context and the original audience, are there or should there be a different understanding or interpretation based on the times and norms for each century/decades of the existing of man. To further look at how the churches today apply the words of yesterday. To further see the effect of our translations and understand of the word of God today, does it weaken or strengthen the word or is there still work to be done.

Part of this search will involve examining and comparing some commentaries against scripture in the original Greek and accepted practices and norms of today, both in interpretation and application toward requirement and life of those who feel called to be disciples, both in scripture and in practices that are implored today. Do we really live out the calling of the "Great Commission" and was that commission intended for today's churches or people?

Finally my own understanding as I read and reached the text and anything I have performed in response to the text.