

BACK TO THE BIBLE

Class Day #5

Teaching All Things Commanded By Christ Jesus

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TEXT: Matthew 28:18-20

- INTRO:**
- A. In the days of Josiah, God's Word was found in the Temple, 2 Kings 22.
 - 1. The Lord's Word had been lost in the Lord's house.
 - 2. Upon hearing God's Word read, a great restoration movement began under Josiah's direction, 2 Kings 23.
 - B. During the 1800's a restoration movement began to get people to go back to the Bible.
 - 1. Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery, June 28, 1804, Item 6: *"We will, that the people henceforth take the Bible as the only sure guide to heaven; and as many as are offended with other books, which stand in competition with it, may cast them into the fire if they choose; for it is better to enter into life having one book, than having many to be cast into hell."*
 - 2. Thomas Campbell, *"Where the scriptures speak, we speak; and where the scriptures are silent, we are silent."*
 - C. Today, we need to go "Back To the Bible."
 - 1. The "go back" implies that the Bible was left.
 - a. Paul warned about a departure, Acts 20:28-30.
 - b. "In the latter times some shall depart . . ." 1 Tim. 4:4.
 - 2. Why go back to the Bible?
 - a. It is God's Word, 1 Cor. 2:13; 1 Thess. 2:13.
 - b. It is our guide, 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105.
 - 3. We must go back to the Bible to teach all things commanded by Christ.

I. JESUS COMMANDS HIS DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES, Matthew 28:18-20

- A. Jesus has all authority in Heaven and on earth.
 - 1. We must do all things in His name – by His authority, Col. 3:17.
 - 2. We must "hear Him," Luke 9:28-36.
- B. Jesus' disciples are those who follow Him.
 - 1. We must continue in His Word to be His disciples, John 8:31-32.
 - 2. We must go and teach the Gospel to all, Mark 16:15.
- C. We make disciples for Jesus by teaching what He taught.
 - 1. We must teach all and baptize those who believe it.
 - 2. We must teach all things Jesus taught the apostles, John 14:26; 16:13.
- D. We must take the great commission seriously.
 - 1. Each Christian has a responsibility to share the Gospel.

2. Read Ezekiel 3:19-21.

II. WE MUST TEACH THE REVEALED PLAN OF SALVATION

- A. There is only one Savior and only one way: His way!
 1. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, John 14:6.
 2. We must believe and obey Him, John 3:36.
 3. We must follow the strait and narrow way, Matt. 7:13-14.
- B. We must hear the Gospel.
 1. Someone must preach/teach it, Rom. 10:13-17.
 2. The Gospel is God's power to save! Rom. 1:16-17.
- C. We must believe the Gospel.
 1. Without belief we will die in sin, John 8:24.
 2. Belief itself is a work God would have us to do, John 6:29.
 3. One cannot be saved without faith/belief, Heb. 11:6; Mark 16:16.
- D. We must repent of our sins, Acts 17:30.
 1. Unless we repent, we will be lost, Luke 13:3.
 2. Repentance is necessary to be converted, Acts 3:19.
- E. We must confess our faith in Jesus.
 1. Must confess Jesus with our mouth, Rom. 10:9-10.
 2. Acts 8:36-37 is an example of what that confessions entails.
- F. We must be baptized into Christ to put on Christ. Gal. 3:26-27.
 1. We are baptized into Christ and into His death, Rom. 6:3-4.
 2. Baptism is "for the remission of sins," Acts 2:38.
 3. Sins are washed away by Jesus' blood in baptism, Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16.
 4. In being baptized, the Lord adds you to the church, Acts 2:38, 47.

III. WE MUST TEACH ABOUT THE LORD'S CHURCH

- A. There is but one church we read of in the Bible.
 1. God made Jesus to be the head of the body, Eph. 1:22-23.
 2. There is one body – one church, Eph. 4:4.
 3. Jesus is the Savior of the body, the church, Eph. 5:23.
- B. Jesus is the founder and head of the church.
 1. Jesus said He would build His church, Matt. 16:18.
 2. "Other foundation can no man lay . . ." 1 Cor. 3:11.
 3. Jesus "is the head of the body, the church," Col. 1:18.
- C. The church wears Christ's name.
 1. There is no other name that can save, Acts 4:12.
 2. The disciples were called Christians – belonging to Christ, Acts 11:26.
 3. "The churches of Christ salute you," Rom. 16:16.
- D. Each congregation is autonomous, but is under the rule of Christ.
 1. Jesus is the head; thus, we do as He instructs in His Word.
 2. Acts 14:23, "they ordained elders in every church . . ."
 3. Elders are shepherds who lead, guide, feed, & watch over the flock, Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-4.

IV. WE MUST TEACH ABOUT ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP

- A. To please God, we must worship Him, John 3:23-24.
 - 1. **Aim** of worship – GOD.
 - 2. **Action** – WORSHIP is something we engage in; something we do.
 - 3. **Absolute** – we MUST worship God.
 - 4. **Attitude** – we must worship in SPIRIT – enthusiasm, sincerity.
 - 5. **Authority** – we must worship in TRUTH – according to God’s Word which is the Truth! John 17:17.

- B. The New Testament authorizes five acts of worship.
 - 1. The Lord’s Supper, 1 Cor. 11:23-30.
 - 2. Singing psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16.
 - 3. Praying, Acts 2:42.
 - 4. Giving as prospered, 1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:6-7.
 - 5. Preaching the Word, Acts 2:42; 2 Tim. 4:1-2.

- C. Worship is either true, or in vain.
 - 1. God seeks true worshippers to worship Him, John 3:23.
 - 2. We worship God in vain when we teach the doctrines of men and not the doctrine of Christ, Matt. 15:7-9.
 - 3. We must do the will of the Father to go to Heaven, Matt. 7:21-23.
 - 4. God will only accept true worship for that is what pleases Him.

V. WE MUST TEACH ABOUT FAITHFULNESS

- A. As Christians we are “salt” and “light,” Matt. 5:13-16.
 - 1. Our lives influence others.
 - 2. Our lives will either draw people to Christ, or turn them away.
 - 3. People must see Jesus in us! Gal. 2:20.

- B. We must deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, Titus 2:11-12.
 - 1. Soberly – “soundness of mind.”
 - 2. Righteously – “live in harmony with God’s will.”
 - 3. Godly – “A God-ward mindset; doing what is pleasing to God.”

- C. We must follow in the steps of Jesus, 1 Peter 2:21.
 - 1. We must think like Jesus, Philip. 2:5.
 - 2. We must live like Jesus, 1 John 2:6; Heb. 4:15; 1 Peter 2:21-24.
 - 3. We must love like Jesus, John 13:34-35; 15:13-14; 14:15.

- D. We must be faithful unto death, Revelation 2:10.
 - 1. We can only be faithful by being true to God’s Word.
 - 2. We are faithful when we obey Christ’s teachings.
 - 3. We are faithful when we worship in spirit and in truth.
 - 4. If we are faithful to death we will receive the crown of life, 2 Tim. 1:12; 4:6-8.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Our greatest need is to go back to the Bible! We must go, teach, baptize – make disciples for Jesus. We must teach: the Bible plan of salvation, about the one church, about true worship that is acceptable to God, faithfulness to Christ.

B. Are you following the Bible? Is Jesus the Lord of your life? Are you a member of His body, the church? Have you obeyed the Bible plan of salvation? As a Christian are you living a faithful life for the Lord?