## THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:19-20

- Christ's last command should be our first \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
  Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:
- The Great Commission can be summarized up in three words:
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"Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist." – Oswald J. Smith

- Soulwinning
  - Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, <u>Go</u> ye <u>into all the world</u>, and preach the gospel to every creature.
  - Acts 1:8 But <u>ye shall receive power</u>, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
  - "You can't take the \_\_\_\_\_\_to the wrong address."
  - If God gave his life on the cross to rescue a soul from Hell, we ought to give some of our time to do the same thing.

"The Gospel is only good news if it gets there in time" – Carl F. H. Henry

- If you are too \_\_\_\_\_\_ to be a soulwinner, you are too busy.
- If you are too \_\_\_\_\_\_ to be a soulwinner, you need to die to yourself, so you don't worry what people think about you.
- If you are too \_\_\_\_\_\_ to be a soulwinner, you need to learn to trust God to do His work in His power.
- If you are too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_to be a soulwinner, you are too important.
  - Not even Jesus was that important.

"We have the means of evangelizing our country, but they are slumbering in the pews of our churches." – John Stott

• There is a difference between a soulwinning church and an

\_\_\_\_\_ church.

*"Sympathy is no substitute for action." – David Livingstone* 

- Baptism
  - Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.
  - Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
  - Acts 8:36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?
    Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
    Acts 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
  - The Bible \_\_\_\_\_\_ is to be baptized after we get saved.
  - We are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to baptize people after they get saved.
  - Baptism doesn't save us, but it \_\_\_\_\_\_ us with our Saviour.
  - Baptism is the first step of \_\_\_\_\_\_ for a new Christian.

## • Discipleship

- **2 Timothy 2:2** And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christians is called discipleship.
- We need to teach every willing new Christian how to \_\_\_\_\_\_as a Christian.
- If one Christian went soulwinning and one other person got saved, and that one Christian spent one year teaching his new convert how to win a soul to Christ, and then the next year they both went soulwinning and they both saw one other person saved, and that process continued, 8.5 billion people could be saved in only 33 years!
- Everybody wants to go to a \_\_\_\_\_\_ church.
  - The way to keep a church friendly is for everyone to bring their to church with them.
- Everybody wants to go to a \_\_\_\_\_\_ church.
  - The way to keep a church lively is for everyone to bring their converts to church with them.
    - New Christians will \_\_\_\_\_\_ your excitement to be saved.
- If we fail to obey the Great Commission, we \_\_\_\_\_\_ as a church.
  - Let's get passionate about soulwinning!
  - Let's bring converts to church ready to be baptized!
  - Let's invest our lives into teaching newer Christians!

## 10 Reasons for Being a Soulwinner

- 1. God likes it.
  - **Luke 15:10** Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.
- 2. Every person has an eternal soul.
  - **Genesis 2:7** And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
  - John 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.
- 3. It is personally rewarding.
  - **Psalm 126:6** He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.
- 4. Heaven and Hell are real.
  - John 14:2-3 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you.
    I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.
  - **Luke 16:22-23** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- 5. God commands it.
  - Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
- 6. Jesus already paid the price for every person.
  - John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.
  - **1 John 2:2** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.
- 7. People are looking for the truth.
  - Acts 8:30-31 And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.
  - Acts 16:29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,
    - Acts 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
- 8. Somebody took the time to tell you.
  - **2 Timothy 2:2** And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
- 9. The rapture is a real event.
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
    1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- 10. The Great White Throne Judgment is final.
  - **Revelation 14:11** And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

## 6 practical ways to develop a passion for souls

- 1. Learn to win a soul to Christ.
- 2. Spend one hour every week praying for God to make you a better soul winner and asking Him to give you His power.
- 3. Fast once a month for lost souls.
  - Mark 9:29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.
- 4. Dedicate a time every week to go soulwinning.
- 5. Ask God for divine appointments.
- 6. Get your neighbors saved.