

Did the Commission of the Early Church Change?

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And Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority was given to me in heaven and on earth**; ¹⁹therefore, as you walk, make disciples of all the nations, into my name, ²⁰teaching them to keep everything, as much as I commanded you; and behold, I am with you all the days, until the full completion of this age” (Mt. 28:18-20, RNT).

We see from the scripture above the commission of the early church was to continue throughout all generations.

This commission is to proclaim the message that Christ was sent to provide the means of reconciliation to the Father because sin has separated us from God (Isa. 59:1-2). After repentance and baptism a person is not to live contrary to the law of God as he/she did before, but to be doers of His word (Rom. 2:13; 6:1ff; De. 32:46; Jas. 1:22, 25). Consequently, the true church of God does not teach that Christ came to do away with his Father’s law (Mt. 5:17-19; 1Jn. 3:4). We are called to spread this message of the good news (i.e. gospel) as we walk (Mt. 28:19-20).

This document is the collaborative work of individuals who believe God’s truth should be given freely (Mt. 10:8; 1Cor. 2:12; 2Cor.11:7; Rom. 10:14-21) and the message of the one true God should be made available to all nations (Mt. 24:14) as a prerequisite to the return of Jesus Christ as King of kings (Mt. 17:10; 19:17; Mk. 9:11; Lk. 1:17; Rev. 19:11-16).

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